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IPSO Newsletter: Spring 2011

Dear Friends

It was great seeing so many of you in Boston in October. We had an excellent annual congress in a beautiful city, and it was a fine opportunity to enjoy the New England fall. For those who were unable to come please read the report on the meeting in this Newsletter. Also have a look at the IPSO website.

In this edition of the newsletter:

- Learn about changes to how IPSO is administrated
- Read about the IPSO congresses 2010 & 2011
- Consider proposing someone for election to the Executive
- Find out about new features in the members area of the website

When you have read the newsletter, please let me know how you think communication with IPSO members can be improved.

Roly Squire

Changes in the IPSO secreteriat

Many of you will know that at the start of 2011 the central SIOP office moved from the Netherlands to Geneva. IPSO is maintaining our close relationship with SIOP by moving as well.

It has taken some time to sort out the move, and details are still being negotiated. We are very excited about the opportunities offered by the new office, who we believe will help IPSO grow as an organisation. The office staff in Geneva are still catching up with all of the jobs required of them, and there has been a delay in functions such as asking for annual membership payments. We are hoping to sort this out shortly, and that we will be able to carry out online payments.

For more details about the new office please see overleaf:

The New IPSO Office

The new SIOP/IPSO office is in Geneva, and is run by an experienced organisation, Kenes Associations Worldwide. IPSO will continue to use the same office as SIOP, who needed to change because SIOP's needs had outgrown the services that Rosalinde Kennis could provide in The Netherlands.

The IPSO Executive Committee are still finalising details of our relationship with Kenes, but we understand that initially the services provided by Rosalinde will all continue to be provided, and we think that IPSO members will quickly notice improvements, such as the online payments mentioned above.

The office is larger than previously, and is headed by Ira Hajdamacha. Please feel free to contact the new office with regard to membership issues using the following methods:

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Applications for new membership, and general enquiries about IPSO activities should still be directed to the secretary, roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk.

IPSO/SIOP Annual Congress 2010

Boston Massachusetts: 21-22 October 2010

Pre-Meeting: Update and Recent Advances in Pediatric Oncology for Surgeons

Chair: Robert Shamberger, United States

- Soft Tissue Sarcomas - Andrea Hayes-Jordan
- Role of Anti-Angiogenic Therapy in Pediatric Solid Tumors - Andrew Davidoff, United States
- Current Hepatoblastoma Trials - Rebecca Meyers, United States
- Results of Recent North American Trials - Peter Ehrlich, United States
- Recent Surgical Advances in Management of Bone Tumors - Mark Gebhardt, United States
- Role of Intraoperative Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MR/OR) in the Management of Pediatric Brain Tumors: Introducing New Technology into Current Therapy - Liliana Goumnerova, United States
- Children's Oncology Group (COG) Trials in Germ Cell Tumors: Recent Outcomes and Current Studies - Frederick Rescorla, United States
- Rhabdomyosarcoma - David Rodeberg, United States
- Role of Surgical Resection in the Cure of Neuroblastoma, Mike La Quaglia - United States (photo)

The pre-meeting educational day in Boston was very successful, gathering a big number of young people, together with the "old IPSO surgeons"...

The major pediatric solid tumors were discussed, and every speaker was able to involve the audience, explaining in particular the recent advances in medical treatment, surgery and biological research.

Among the various, interesting topics, I would like to mention both the first important experience on hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy in children affected by DSRCT, and the more frequent application of angiogenesis inhibitors, that represents an attractive treatment alternative for solid tumors despite possible surgical complications. For hepatic tumors, it was explained, together with the current trials, the existence of a new collaboration among the American and European Countries (CHIC), as well as the existence of a common registry of liver transplantation patients (PLUTO). This collaboration would like to improve our knowledge on these extremely rare tumors, and find together new therapy



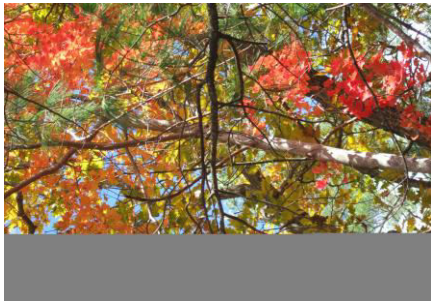
strategies for high risk patients. The use of intraoperative MRI in the management of brain tumors was surely fascinating: this technique, despite lack of data on long term outcome, would allow a “real time” decision-making in these children, avoiding further long, difficult operations. A complete overview on Germ Cell Tumors, Wilms tumor and neuroblastoma was also given, as well as on new techniques for limb salvage and reconstruction in osteosarcomas, and risk factors, in term of outcome, for rhabdomyosarcoma.

I can definitely say that all the speakers were exceptional and the audience enthusiastic. We thank Dr Shamberger and Dr Diller for their special welcome and generosity (the place was very pleasant and the breakfast delicious...), and for having arranged such an extraordinary meeting!

I really hope to meet all of you in Auckland....Un abbraccio a tutti!!

Patrizia Dall'Igna

IPSO Congress 2010



Dear Friends and Colleagues – IPSO-SIOP 2010 met in Boston Massachusetts, home to many of the world’s leading hospitals, 1st class cancer centres and Harvard Medical School. We were blessed during the few days of the conference with fine sunny weather and a spectacular New England Autumn Fall. The city and its fine parks looked at their very best with golden -red colour leaves, many squirrels and the town houses finely decorated for Halloween with ghost, ghouls and monster pumpkins.

The IPSO pregress one day meeting (held before IPSO) was located at

The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in the Longwood Medical Area. Professor Bob Shamberger and his team had superbly organised a series of invited state-of-the-art talks from various expert speakers covering highly relevant topics including – Wilms’ tumour (risk classification and treatment) , neuro-oncology and the role of operative MRI , advances in tumour angiogenesis and the evolving of novel therapies. Delegates were very well catered for by Dr Shamberger’s team (including breakfast, coffee and snacks at breaks) and many later convened for lunch in The Longwood Area with the opportunity to visit Boston Childrens’ Hospital and The Dana Farber Institute.



IPSO officially met with our SIOP partners the following day at The Hynes Convention Centre in downtown Boston for two and half further stimulating days. Highlights included a new session – “The Best of IPSO”, where the top scoring peer-reviewed abstracts were selected for presentation



and publication in Pediatric Blood and Cancer. Papers included some of the following topics – the defining role of partial nephrectomy for Wilms’ tumour (Rome, Italy), impact and role of surgery for neuroblastoma with new cancer therapies (Liverpool, UK) , inflammatory pseudotumours (Singapore) and carcinoid tumours of the appendix (Memorial Sloan Kettering, NYC) to name a few. Free paper sessions were equally of a very high standard reflecting wide ranging areas of interest. The IPSO dinner, hosted and organised by Bob Shamberger (photo), was well attended by many and held at the famous Legal Seafoods restaurant in Copley Plaza. Delegates enjoyed lobster, shrimp and fine wine including the famous Boston beer – Sam Adams.

Several joint programme sessions with SIOP were excellent. These included sessions on Wilms’ tumour and Pulmonary metastases – the latter section with a multidisciplinary panel of speakers including oncologists, radiologists, radiotherapists and surgeons ably organised by Dr Steve Shochat (St Jude, Memphis). Professor Deitrich von Schweinitz (Munich) gave a stimulating key-note lecture on the real challenges of surgical oncology and the emerging role for new therapies neatly linking the basic sciences.

The IPSO president Larry Hadley (Durban SA) entertained us always and the business meeting welcomed new members and elected a number of new surgeons for a variety of IPSO official roles. Dan Aronson (Netherlands) was elected the new IPSO president to great applause. Larry Hadley though had forgotten to bring the President's medal to the meeting! Dan will receive the medal shortly we are told. Those who were able and lucky to stay for the duration of the SIOP Congress enjoyed a splendid gala evening at the official SIOP dinner held at Boston's famous landmark – The John F Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.



Everyone agreed it was a great meeting ..

Professor Paul Losty

IPSO/SIOP Annual Congress 2011

Auckland New Zealand: 27-28 October 2011

The 2011 congress will be held in Auckland, New Zealand. We hope you will be able to attend. As usual, the IPSO meeting will start the day before the main SIOP congress, with an educational symposium on the day before the main IPSO meeting. The one-day educational symposium will focus on some of the paediatric surgical oncology issues particularly relevant to Oceania.

Please note these important dates:

Abstract deadline	31 March 2011
Early bird registration deadline	31 March 2011
Standard rate registration deadline	31 August 2011
Educational course	26 October 2011
IPSO congress	27-28 October 2011
Melanoma/GI tumour symposium	29 October 2011
Fertility symposium	30 October 2011

I am sorry that by the time you receive this newsletter some of these deadlines will have passed.

More details about the 2011 congress, including online registration, can be accessed through the congress website www.siop2011.com

Not only is Auckland one of the world's finest cities, but during the weeks prior to the meeting New Zealand will be hosting the rugby union world cup- the final is in Auckland on Sunday 23 October. What an opportunity to combine academia, aesthetics and sport!

IPSO course at EUPSA

Barcelona, Spain: 5 June 2011

IPSO will be holding a one-day oncology masterclass at the annual EUPSA meeting, which this year is being held in Barcelona. The course will be held on June 15 2011. This year will be year 1 on the three-year rolling programme, and so will feature presentations on neuroblastoma, Wilms tumour and genito-urinary rhabdomyosarcoma.

Registration is through the EUPSA website www.EUPSA.org . Early registration is advised since in the last

couple of years this training day has been fully booked. We ask IPSO members to encourage their enthusiastic trainees and junior colleagues who are interested in paediatric surgical oncology to sign up for this masterclass, and draw to their attention that if delegates attend all three components (ie attend for 3 consecutive years) they are awarded a certificate of completion of the course.

Nominations for IPSO Executive Committee 2011

At the 2011 business meeting in Auckland on Thursday 27 October the IPSO members present will need to elect a president-elect, and also one ordinary member to the Executive Council to replace Jan Godzinski. We will also need to decide who will take over from Jan as programme director.

Any IPSO member of good standing can stand for either of these positions. Nominations must be received by the secretary 3 months before the meeting, ie before 28 July 2011. Nominations should be in writing, and should be proposed by an IPSO member. Please ensure that the candidate has agreed to stand. I am happy to receive written nominations by e-mail, addressed to roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk .

If you are enthusiastic, and are keen to help IPSO develop over these times of change, please consider standing for election.

Website news

The IPSO website www.ipsosurgeons.org has been up and running for 18 months now, and still has great potential for development. Information is available for members regarding forthcoming events, and there is a growing archive of documents from IPSO's past. A new venture is for members to be able to view presentations from the annual congress. This year only a few of the presentations have been uploaded as a pilot, but in future years we hope to show more. If you want to see what is available please go to the website, and load the 'members pages' which are password protected. There is a generic username and password, so any member should easily be able to access this area.

The username is: IPSO

The password is: member

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for how the website could be improved

Roly Squire (webmaster)

President's Corner

As I write to you for the first time as the president of IPSO I am greatly honored to be doing so. Thank you for electing me and thus expressing your trust in me. During the past 19 years IPSO has grown into the biggest network in surgical oncology. This year we will have our 20st birthday, a good reason for all of you to travel to Auckland and send in your best abstracts. Our program director Jan Godzinski and our SIOP Scientific Committee Representative Steve Shochat will surely come up with an ever attractive program that will make our meeting into a meeting that anyone who practices Pediatric Surgical Oncology would be reluctant to miss. As has been done last year, the best abstracts will be selected to be presented at the PBC session with the opportunity for the presenters to hand in their manuscript to be reviewed for publication in PBC.

I hope to get our focus in the coming years ever more on education being one of IPSO's mission statements. The 3-year IPSO oncology course at EUPSA will now run for the third cycle and has been increasingly successful. We intent to start providing on site oncology master classes to resource challenged nations where travelling to distant course venues is often difficult for surgeons. In 2012 we will have the 4th IPSO-APSA meeting for which the organizing committee has



already started to outline the program. Please already put down May 20 & 21, 2012 in your agenda's.

Many of our members are actively involved in pedoncology@yahoogroups.com This wonderful Indian initiative provides an oncology 'chat group' that offers a network for Pediatric Surgical Oncologist faced with difficult patients they would like to present to colleagues. If any one of you needs support for any other educational initiative, do not hesitate to contact one of your members of the Executive Board.

Please make yourself available for the various upcoming posts that will as usual be announced in the newsletter, as new blood is always necessary to keep the Society vibrant and responsive to the membership's aspirations. Remember that you can only be elected if your name is on the ballot paper!

The Boston meeting is discussed elsewhere in the newsletter but I can't let the opportunity go without thanking Bob Shamberger and his team for an excellent meeting, both educational and enjoyable, that offered great opportunities to increase your network and make new friends. We are now looking forward to our sojourn Down Under and from what I hear it will be at least as good as Boston. Please join us for our 20st birthday in Auckland.

Dan Aronson

