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IPSO Newsletter: February 2020

Dear Friends,

As we move into the year 2020, treatment of childhood cancers faced many challenges worldwide. In particular, we are seeing the emergence of a Novel Coronavirus, 2019nCoV. Let us remember our dear colleagues in countries facing extreme conditions battling this virus while managing children with cancers. May they remain strong, focused and their purpose prevail.

2019 was exciting as we had an excellent annual congress in Lyon and the first WOFAPS-IPSO joint meeting in Doha. In the coming year, we continue to work towards sharing IPSO's vision in advancing knowledge in paediatric surgical oncology with more educational opportunities.

In order that we provide excellent surgical care for children with cancer, IPSO members are tasked to actively encourage paediatric surgeons to join IPSO and participate in IPSO's activities. When we communicate and be updated, our patients benefit.

Yours sincerely,
Chan Hon Chui
Secretary, IPSO



Abstract submission deadline is April 1, 2020

Remember: Only paid-up IPSO members get a discounted rate

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I. CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

With the completion of the Executive Council (“EC”) elections and our annual meeting in Lyon, we are happy to announce the following changes to the Executive Council:



Simone Abib (Brazil) will serve as the President-Elect. Welcome back to the EC and we look forward to your leadership.



Sharon Cox (S Africa) has been newly elected as member of the Executive Council. Let us welcome Sharon and we look forward to her contribution.



Robert Shamberger (USA) has stepped down from the EC after his term as Pas-President. We would like to thank Bob for his leadership.



Paul Losty (UK) has stepped down from the EC after 4 years as its council member. We would like to thank Paul for his ideas contribution to the EC.

Executive Council 2019-2020

President:	Joerg Fuchs (Germany)
President-elect:	Simone Abib (Brazil)
Secretary:	Chan Hon Chui (Singapore)
Treasurer:	Marc Wijnen (Netherlands)
Programme Chair:	Pablo Lobos (Argentina)
Members:	Eiso Hiyama (Japan)
	Andrea Hayes-Jordan (USA)
	Sharon Cox (S Africa)



Paul Losty and Joerg Fuchs



Robert Shamberger and Joerg Fuchs

II. SUBCOMMITTEES

A. Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Objective:

- Review the Constitution & Bylaws of IPSO.
- Recommend any amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to ensure that they reflect the current practice in IPSO.

Members: Chan Hon Chui (Secretary)
Joerg Fuchs (President)

B. Education Committee

Objective:

- Advancement of education in paediatric surgical oncology.

Members: Ted Gerstle (USA) (Chair)
Abdelhafeez (USA)
Jonathan Karpelowsky (Australia)
Israel Fernandez-Pineda (Spain)
Ahmed Elgendy (Egypt)
Simone Abib (Brazil)
Sharon Cox (S Africa)

C. Programme Committee

Objective:

- Develop the scientific programs for the IPSO's annual congress and all other IPSO meetings held jointly with other organizations.

Members: Pablo Lobos (Argentina)(Chair)
Sabine Sarnacki (France)(Co-chair)
Joerg Fuchs (Germany)
Simone Abib (Brazil)
Marc Wijnen (Netherlands)
Eiso Hiyama (Japan)
Andrea Hayes-Jordan (USA)
Sharon Cox (S Africa)
Chan Hon Chui (Singapore)

D. IPSO Young Surgeons

Objective:

- To engage young surgeons with interest in paediatric surgical oncology
- To nurture and develop the potential of young surgeons in IPSO by providing appropriate guidance and resources

Chair: Luca Pio (France)

Members: To be announced (TBA)

E. IPSO Foundation

Objective:

- To connect donors with healthcare professionals for the advancement of education in paediatric surgical oncology in resource-limited countries (RLC).

Chair: Joerg Fuchs (Germany)

Members: TBA

F. Special Appointments:

- i. Digital Media Director: Alexander Siles Hinojosa (Spain)
- ii. IPSO Representatives to WHO Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer
 - a. Simone Abib (Brazil)
 - b. Abdelhafeez Abdelhafeez(USA)
 - c. Jonathan Karpelowsky (Australia)

III. MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

1. Renew membership online

Please renew your membership on IPSO website: ipso-online.org

It is the members' obligation to submit membership fees promptly. Only paid-up members will be eligible for members-only discount at the IPSO Annual Congress. Membership dues received on and after Oct 23,2019 will be considered for financial year of 2020.

2. New membership category called "Young Surgeons"

Young Surgeons category has been setup. Lower membership fees at 80€/2 years. Young surgeons or residents of age less than 40 years are eligible to apply. IPSO Young Surgeon members will be eligible for the special Young Investigator registration fee for the SIOP/IPSO Congress. However, Young Surgeons shall not have voting rights of IPSO's active members.

3. Additional IPSO Scholarship from 2020

Executive Council has approved a second scholarship of similar quantum (1500€) to assist young surgeons from low and low-middle income countries to attend the IPSO-SIOP Annual Congress.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. IPSO-SIOP Ottawa 14-17 Oct 2020. Pre-Education Day on 13 Oct 2020.
Abstract Submission Deadline: Apr 1, 2020. Early Bird Registration: Jul 29, 2020.

Preliminary Announcement IPSO – SIOP Congress 2020 in Ottawa




April 1, 2020 – Abstract Submission Deadline
July 29, 2020 – Early Registration Savings Deadline

The upcoming IPSO congress will once again be held together with SIOP's (Société Internationale d'Oncologie Pédiatrique) annual congress. Take note of the "Keydates" on abstract submission deadline and early-bird registration. Please register for the meeting at the "siop-congress.org" website.

Note: Only members who **paid up** membership dues will be entitled to **members-only discount** at the annual congress.

Disciplines

- Treatment and Care 
 - Surgery (IPSO)
 - Radiation Oncology (PROS)
 - New Drugs/Experimental Therapeutics
 - Treatment Toxicity and Supportive Care
 - Palliative Care
 - Psychosocial (PPO)
 - Nursing
 - Tumour Immunology and Immunotherapy
 - Transdisciplinary Tumor Biology and Cancer Predisposition

Submit your abstracts in the correct **ABSTRACT CATEGORY**.

If you would like your papers to be presented and discussed at the IPSO congress, make sure you submit your abstracts under "Disciplines - Surgery (IPSO)".



Our logo for IPSO 2020 in Ottawa

JESSE TERNBERG'S IPSO SCHOLARSHIP 2020 – 2 SCHOLARSHIPS!

In 2014 the IPSO Executive Council launched the first IPSO scholarship. This has been named after our founding member, Jesse Ternberg MD in 2016. This is intended to assist the young surgeon in attending the IPSO annual congress. This year, we will be having 2 scholarships!

The scholarship will include:

- Free registration for the Annual Congress
- Up to €1500 towards travel and accomodation
- A ticket for the annual IPSO Dinner

To be eligible a surgeon must be aged 40 years or younger, must come from a low or low-middle income country (refer to <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519>), and must have an abstract accepted for oral presentation at the Annual Congress in Ottawa, Canada. The scholarship will be awarded to the eligible applicant who has the highest abstract score. Abstract scoring is entirely blind with regard to the author, so we believe that this will ensure fairness & transparency.

How to apply

We expect that surgeons who are submitting an abstract for the meeting will have the opportunity to register to be considered for the scholarship at the time of abstract submission, and it will be important to send proof of eligibilty to the IPSO secretary at the same time to ensure that your application is valid.

2. APSA-IPSO Symposium 13-14 May 2020, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Orlando, Florida, USA

- Care challenges facing Low and Middle Incomes Countries
- Technical Aspects of RMS surgery
- Emerging Technology in Pediatric Cancer Care for the Surgeon
- Surgeons on the Couch (Expert discussions on Renal tumors & Neuroblastoma)



3. 8th International Tuebingen Symposium on Pediatric Solid Tumors

Topic of the meeting: Neuroblastoma.

The meeting will be hosted by University Children's Hospital, Department of Pediatric Surgery and Urology, and Department of Pediatric Hematology. Congress location is: Hoppe-Seyler-Str. 3 D-72076 Tuebingen Germany. Congress homepage is: www.neuroblastoma-tuebingen2020.com



Children's Hospital
Department of Pediatric Surgery and Pediatric Urology
Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology



**8th International Tuebingen-Symposium
on Pediatric Solid Tumors
- Neuroblastoma -**

November 6 – 7, 2020
Tuebingen, Germany



Universitätsklinikum
Tübingen

4. XIIIth Congress of SIOP-Asia from 27th to 29th March 2020 at Hotel Taj Lands End, Mumbai, India.



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SIOP ASIA 2020



XIII SIOP ASIA CONFERENCE

27th - 29th March 2020 | Hotel Taj Lands End, Mumbai, India

A surgical symposium will be announced shortly.

V. PAST MEETINGS

IPSO ANNUAL CONGRESS IN LYON 2019

IPSO Pre-congress Educational Day on Oct 22, 2019

RABELAIS Theater (6th floor), Hôpital Femme Mère Enfant, Bron, Lyon



This year's IPSO Pre-congress Educational Event was specially planned by Frederic Hameury and Sabine Sarnacki. The theme was on "Operative Strategies in Wilms tumor, Neuroblastoma, and Germ cell tumors" and was focused on providing core principles to our young surgeons. The event's response was overwhelming and was attended by more than 110 participants.



The day started with excellent lectures on Wilms tumors that focused on Core principles and operative strategy in open surgery (A Davidoff), Operative strategy in laparoscopic surgery (Yves Heloury), Nephron-sparing surgery (J Fuchs), and Management of

thrombus in renal tumors (S Abib). Following that was the symposium on Neuroblastoma, that dealt in-depth on the Anatomy (Sabine Sarnacki and H Brisse), Core principles and operative strategy (M Laquaglia and J Nuchtern) and Endoscopic and robotic surgery (T Blanc and S. Irtan). In the afternoon, we had the last session on Malignant Germ Cell Tumors. The lectures dealt with sacrococcygeal teratoma (Frederica Decorti), gonadal tumors (Frederic Hameury), thoracic and retroperitoneal tumors (Frederic Lavrand). The day's sessions were stimulating, the audience was very enthusiastic and interactive. The multiple-choice-questions that were presented always received interesting responses from the audience. Overall, this was an exceptionally interactive session and a big thank you to our local organizing chairs for the making this possible.



IPSO Annual Congress Oct 23 – 25, 2019

Centre de Congres de Lyon (CCC Lyon)

The IPSO Congress really began on Oct 23rd at the CCC Lyon. Housed in the Auditorium Lumiere, a spacious yet comfortable lecturehall, the IPSO congress was opened by our President, Joerg Fuchs. The first session was on "Liver and Pancreas" where we heard about the benefit of indocyanine green fluorescence imaging to treat hepatoblastoma from hepatectomy to liver transplantation in paediatrics (YJ Kwon, Republic of Korea). Sajid Qureshi (India) then presented his paper that looked at the feasibility and outcomes after non-anatomical resection in diligently



selected patients with hepatoblastoma. This was then followed by “Liver transplantation and liver resection for treatment of hepatoblastoma” presented by Marat Grygorian (Ukraine) who was this year’s Jesse Ternberg’s Scholarship recipient. Ahmed Elgendy (Egypt) concluded this section on liver tumors with his paper on “Surgical resection of hepatoblastoma in the unavailability of liver transplantation: factors affecting local recurrence”. The next 2 presentations on pancreatic tumors were from Hong Qin (China) on her large series of Pancreatectomies for pediatric pancreatic tumors followed by YJ Kwon’s presentation on the comparison of splenic vessel preservation and warsaw technique on spleen preserving distal pancreatectomies.



The IPSO’s Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Seminar showcased (a) Surgical techniques for resection of cervico-thoracic tumors: different approaches and how to prevent complications by J Shalkow (Mexico), (2) Challenges of tumor surgery in the neck region by V Couloigner (France), and (3) Vena cava/atrial involvement of abdominal tumors: timing and strategies for resection by Sharon Cox (S Africa).



The afternoon started with the Neuroblastoma and Sarcoma session. The topics discussed were very broad including the evaluation of new guideline for assessing IDRF in low-risk protocol from the Japan Children’s Cancer Group Neuroblastoma Committee (A Yoneda), the experience with “Delayed Local for multimodal treatment of high-risk neuroblastoma (T Hishiki), the prognostic significance of surgery and radiotherapy for cure in high risk neuroblastoma in South Africa (JJ Van Heerden), and the impact of chemo-sensitivity on surgical resection in MYCN amplified neuroblastoma (CH Chui). T Lautz (USA) presented his paper on correlation between imaging and operative findings in children with pulmonary metastatic osteosarcoma, J Shalkow (Mexico) presented his paper on bilateral anterior thoracotomy as an approach for bilateral pulmonary metastatectomy. E Gumatova (Russia) presented his work on isolated lung/pleura perfusion as treatment option for childhood metastatic bone tumors. D Rodeberg (USA) presented the consensus opinion (from COG, European soft tissue sarcoma group and the CWS) on surgical management of paratesticular rhabdomyosarcoma.



The day’s scientific programme ended with the all-time favourite of Problem Cases Session. During this 100 minutes, multiple challenging cases were presented. A local interdisciplinary panel consisted of Drs A

Laprie (radiation oncology), H Brisse (radiology), P Marec-Berard and N Corradini (paediatric oncology), and F Hameury (paediatric surgery) was available to provide expert advice. The audience in the hall participated actively providing interesting and exciting ideas in patient management. We all learned from each other and we hope that the ideas and solutions may help the patients.



Day 2 of IPSO congress started with the Robert Arceci Best of IPSO session. We saw 6 excellent papers presented over a wide range of topics. S Irtan (France) presented her paper on “Number of lymph nodes sampled in SFCE/SIOP 2001 Nephroblastoma patients: is the objective of more than 6 achievable?”. T Lautz (USA) presented a report from the COG on the

relationship between tumor response at therapy completion and prognosis in Group III rhabdomyosarcoma. S Qureshi (India) presented on the incidence, pattern and predictors of cervical lymph node metastases in differentiated thyroid cancer in children. T Rogers (UK) presented the loco-regional treatment of para-testicular rhabdomyosarcoma a report from the EPSSG. E Hiyama (Japan) talked about microscopic positive resection margin after hepatoblastoma resection. D Cozzi (Italy) presented his work on Cavectomy without reconstruction for Wilms tumor with IVC involvement. “

Once again, IPSO oral poster session showcased the best posters submitted. Authors were allowed to make a rapid presentation of their posters in the Congress Hall. Topics presented included A Crocoli’s “intraoperative neuromonitoring in pediatric pelvic surgery”, M Iliari’s his centre’s experience in surgical complications in abdominal tumor surgery, Abdelhafeez’s Zambia’s experience on a 2-day paediatric surgical oncology review course, and S Hotonu’s outcome of surgery in Ganglioneuroma and Ganglioneuroblastoma in a UK Centre. S Ekinici shared his experience on chylous leak after tumor surgery, A Elgendy’s report on management of malignant ovarian germ cell tumors in a multicentre international study, and also his report on the comparison of management of pediatric benign ovarian tumors between England and Egypt. R Kebudi presented his group’s treatment outcome of Ewing sarcoma of the thorax, and G Cernaianu’s work on translation of operative reports into an anatomic cadaveric study for improving perivascular exposition are during resection of abdominal neuroblastoma.



In the afternoon, it was the IPSO renal tumors session with popular topics on Open versus minimally invasive surgical techniques in renal tumors (J Routh), Adherence to lymph node sampling in Wilms tumors registered in the SIOP WT 2001 and Import studies in the UK and Ireland (S Tugnait),



Bilateral Wilms tumor (J Shalkow), H Wang’s experience of 43 cases of clear cell sarcoma, A Nasir’s survey of current practices in Wilms tumor management in Africa, and S Irtan’s institutional experience on nephron-sparing surgery for Wilms tumor in the Umbrella Protocol.

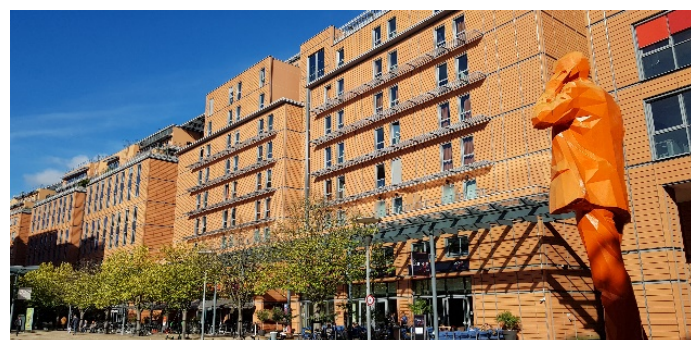
The Germ Cell Tumor (GCT) and Miscellaneous session saw presentations on the use of a midline incision for sacrococcygeal teratoma (K O’shea), Surgery in perforated pediatric intestinal lymphoma (G Ahmed), The cost of premature removal of central venous access device (G Bough), and P Dall’igna’s single institutional experience in percutaneous trans-thoracic procedures in children with chest tumors.



The IPSO Keynote Lecture was delivered by Sabine Sarnacki on “Bringing Genomics to the Operating Room” as she systematically presented the many important aspects in the use of genomics in surgical practice, the past, present and the future. The following session was the IPSO Symposium on Long term effects of surgical resection of tumors. We heard from 3 excellent speakers on Long term functional results and sequelae after surgical resection of tumors (F De Vatharie from France), Functional results after surgical resection of bone and soft tissue tumors (J Bramer from the Netherlands), and Long term outcomes after liver transplantation for malignant tumors (J De Ville De Goyet from Belgium). The day ended with the IPSO Dinner which will be showcased in the later section with the Photo Gallery.



IPSO’s oral presentations extended into the third day on Oct 25th. The session was on “Basic Research and Technology Development”. The topics discussed included MIS in pediatric oncology by YT Lee, reliability of ultrasound guided core needle biopsy in diagnosis of solid tumors (Y Chen), preoperative 3D reconstruction images for paediatric tumors (S Irtan), Robotic surgery (T Blanc), Pleura-based tumor xenograft model to test novel therapeutics for pleuropulmonary blastoma (AHP Loh), and MicroRNA expression profiles in esophagus of children with caustic



stenosis, a pathway towards esophageal cancer (W Oliveira Junior).

The IPSO/PROS/SIOP symposium on interdisciplinary concepts in unresectable tumors saw excellent presentations by J Fuchs on the role of expertise, technical limitations and surgery in unresectable tumors, followed by S Laskar’s

presentation on definitive radiation therapy for inoperable Ewings sarcoma, and finally, the impact of classical chemotherapy and new treatment concepts on the outcome of children with unresectable tumors (R Handgretinger).

IPSO Best Papers Awards

Jack Plaschkes Prize for Best Oral Presentation 2019
Dr Sabine Irtan (France) was awarded this prize for her oral presentation entitled " Number of lymph nodes sampled in SFCE/SIOP 2001 nephroblastoma patients: is the objective of more than 6 achievable?"



Best Poster Award 2019
Dr Alessandro Crocoli (Italy) was awarded this prize for his oral poster entitled "Intraoperative Neuromonitoring in Pediatric Pelvic Surgery"



Jesse Ternberg's IPSO Scholarship 2019

Dr Marat Grygorian (Ukraine) was awarded the Jesse Ternberg's IPSO Scholarship in 2019 when his abstract for oral presentation entitled "Liver transplantation and Liver resection for treatment of hepatoblastoma" was scored highest among those who applied for the scholarship.



IPSO DINNER 2019

Oct 24, 2019

Vatel Institute, Lyon City Centre, Carnot Square



* See more photos in the following pages.

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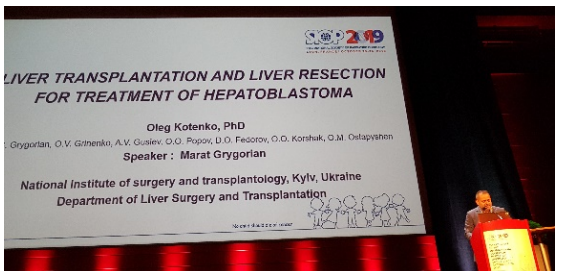
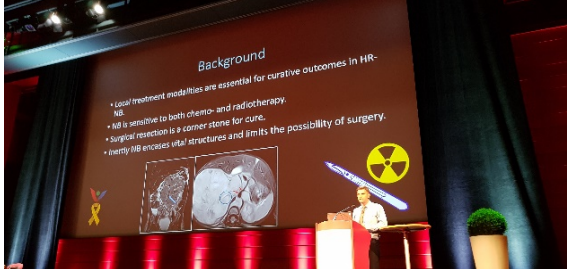
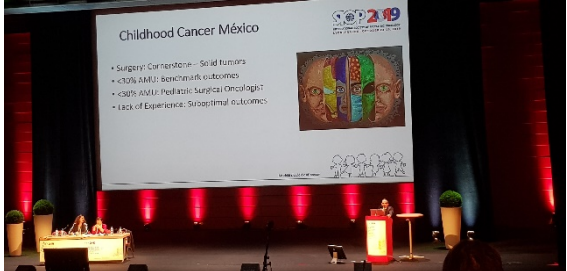
Dr Frederic Hameury and Dr Sabine Sarnacki



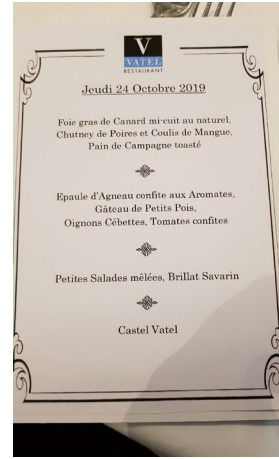
Frederic Hameury was a superb host who gave us a memorable meeting in Lyon. Sabine Sarnacki co-hosted all of us to a unique French hospitality. The team was most enthusiastic to come up with a special Pre-congress Educational Event that focused on the Young Surgeons in our midst. Frederic hosted our IPSO Dinner in a very unique Gustatory Institute and we all enjoyed the evening with many great memories.



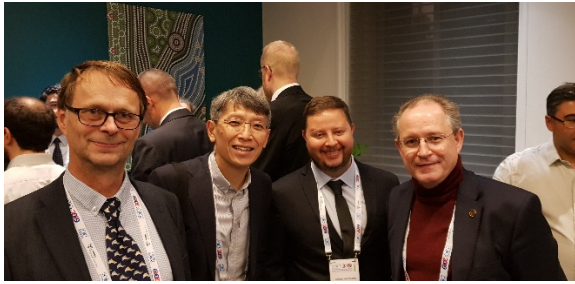
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WOFAPS-IPSO Joint Meeting
1-4 November 2019, Doha, Qatar



The first joint WOFAPS-IPSO meeting was held in Doha on November 1-3, 2019. This was immediately followed by an interactive workshop held at the auditorium of Sidra Medicine, a state-of-the-art children's hospital on November 4, 2019. The workshop was well attended by more than 50 participants. The teaching faculty included Sajid Qureshi, Joerg Fuchs, Andrea Hayes-Jordan, Steven Warmann, Chan Hon Chui and Pablo Lobos.

**WOFAPS-IPSO
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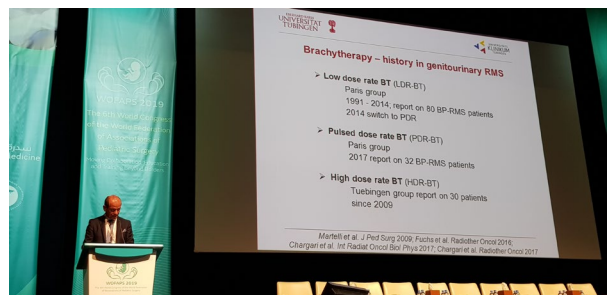
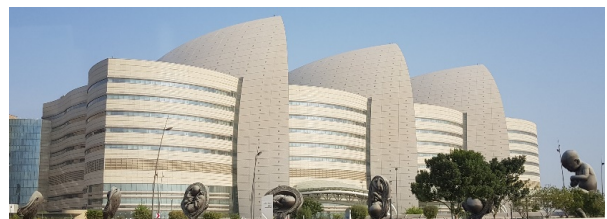


Pediatric Oncology Symposium November 3, 2019

1. The role of imaging in neuroblastoma surgery
2. Minimally invasive surgery in solid paediatric tumors
3. Reconstructive surgery in combination with Brachytherapy in BPRMS
4. HIPEC in soft tissue sarcoma
5. Management of neonatal tumors
6. Surgical strategies in liver tumor surgery - PHITT protocol
7. Ovarian tumors: surgical challenges and the role of organ preserving surgery

Interactive Workshop, November 4, 2019

- A. Tips and tricks in Wilms tumor surgery
 - a. Management of large tumors via tumor nephrectomy
 - b. Nephron sparing surgery
- B. Movie session about tumor surgery including pre-operative planning of tumor surgery
- C. Chemotherapy treatment options for malignant tumors in low and middle income countries



VI: MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of IPSO's Annual Business Meeting October 23, 2019
Venue: Auditorium Lumiere, Palais des congress de Lyon, France
Date: 23 Oct 2019, 1730-1830h
Chair: Joerg Fuchs (Chair)
Secretary: Chan Hon Chui
Attendance: 71

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from the IPSO Business Meeting in Kyoto, Japan on 16 November 2018.
3. President's report
4. In memory of Professor Jack Plaschkes
5. Secretary's report
 - Membership report
 - Executive Council (EC) elections
 - Transition to new Membership and Webpage management
 - IPSO Scholarship 2019
6. Treasurer's report
7. IPSO Subcommittees
 - Program Committee's report (Pablo Lobos)
 - Education Committee's report
 - New Members Committee
 - Bylaws Committee
 - IPSO Young Surgeons
 - IPSO Foundation
8. Recognition of outgoing EC members
 1. Paul Losty (Member-at-large)
 2. Robert Shamberger (Past-President)
9. Recognition of Local Arrangements Chairs Frederic Hameury and Sabine Sarnacki
10. Invitation to IPSO Ottawa 2020 (Ahmed Nasr)
11. Welcome new IPSO members
12. New Businesses
13. Adjournment

Minutes of Meeting

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from the IPSO Business Meeting in Kyoto, Japan on 16 November 2018. (previously circulated in the March newsletter) were shown, was proposed by Andrea Hayes-Jordan and seconded by Robert Shamberger.
3. President's report. This was presented by Joerg Fuchs. He thanked the local organizing team led by Frederic Hameury and Sabine Sarnacki for the hospitality and the very successful pre-educational day, Pablo Lobos for organizing an outstanding program, the EC board for their commitment and special thanks to Chan Hon for his tireless commitment in all matters including the creation of a new homepage with an independent organizational structure of our Society in terms of membership administration

This year we lost an outstanding personality of our society with the death of J Plaschkes. Jack was the founding member of our honorable society. Dan Aronson will later on pay tribute to his life's work today.

A total of 6 monthly EC meetings were held through our web-based platform. The focus was on the organization of 3 congresses within a year, namely, SIOP Lyon 2019, WOFAPS -IPSO joint meeting in Doha Qatar 2019, and APSO - IPSO joint meeting in Orlando 2020. A great deal of effort was required to achieve this. Ultimately these meetings are important for our reputation as an international society. In Qatar, the focus will be on a large oncological session with topics such as neuroblastoma imaging, MIS in oncology, BPRMS, neonatal tumors, liver tumors and ovarian tumors. In addition, a full-day interactive workshop will be conducted. We had good cooperation with the congress president and WOFAPS president Prof. David Sigalet. This joint congress is a continuation of the cooperation with WOFAPS, which earlier-on initiated web-based educational meetings. We hope that further cooperation may be enhanced with our Educational committee. The traditional APSA-IPSO meeting was critically evaluated in 2016. The reasons were the high financial burden on the participants as well as the poor quality of the contributions from the IPSO. The invited IPSO speakers received no financial support and had to pay costs of 4000 € or 4500 USD themselves. A financial surplus was not achieved, which was mainly due to the very exclusive congress location. Therefore a critical internal vote in the EC Board of the IPSO took place to decide if this tradition should be continued. At the end, the decision was positive and the next joint meeting will take place from 14 to 17 May, 2020 in Orlando. Together with Peter Ehrlich a program was prepared. The congress abstract submission deadline was 04 Oct 2019. We await to see how successful this meeting will be. Once again the issue of financial burden to the IPSO speakers could not be resolved. In future, a more sustainable concept should be developed from a financial standpoint.

Another important point is IPSO's commitment to global problems in improving tumor treatment for children in middle- and low-income countries. Congresses for further education or the IPSO scholarship are only a few instruments. A closer cooperation with SIOP in concrete projects is to be developed. However, 2 important factors are required : (1) committed surgeons who have a fundamental interest in such a project and who are actively involved in it, (2) money to finance these projects. To point 1, I ask all those interested to contact me or Chan Hon. To point 2, we on the EC board have laid the groundwork for the creation of a so-called IPSO Foundation, which Chan Hon will report in detail. We already have been accorded the charity-status in IPSO, but we need clear guidelines so that we can also approach potential major donors. I would like to ask all members for support. Ultimately, we should develop projects with SIOP at WHO level where we can work together to treat cancer more successfully in these countries. In addition to accidents, cancer is increasingly becoming a cause of death in low- and middle-income countries and infectious diseases are being reduced.

Another challenge for our society is the conduct of continental SIOP meetings (SIOP Asia, SIOP Europe, etc). Ultimately, surgical topics should be in the foreground during these meetings and we as IPSO are also challenged here. However, the structure of the meetings is not easy to understand. We will only be able to meet these challenges if we grow significantly

as an international society and are represented by a significant number of surgeons on all continents. This is an important and challenging task for our New member committee under the leadership of Jim Wilde with future support from A. Hayes Jordan as board member.

Finally, I would like to report on the status of the Best IPSO Papers in the PBC. As you all know, this has not been easy in the last few years as far as the review process, the timeline and the costs are concerned. A supplement for our society will be printed for the SIOF Congress 2018 in Kyoto. This will not be free of charge. Originally it was supposed to cost USD\$2000. We owe it to the commitment of our Past-President Bob Shamberger who managed to reduce it to a special price of USD\$540. This price cannot be maintained in the future despite repeated discussions with the publisher P. Newburger. We concluded that we will not have a supplement in PBC in the future, because we are not able to pay the costs of USD\$2000 per year as small society with very limited income. You will understand the details when our Treasurer Marc Wijnen presents his balance sheet.

4. In memory of Professor Jack Plaschkes. A minute of silence was observed. Dan Aronson made a citation on late Professor Jack Plaschkes. He was the first president of IPSO. Joerg Fuchs announced the EC's decision to name our annual best oral presentation prize the "Jack Plaschkes Prize for Best Oral Presentation" with immediate effect.

5. Secretary's report

a. Membership report. The total number of members stands at 152. This includes 9 honorary members, 10 retired members, 4 associate members and 129 active members. There has been a reduction in number of members from last year's 189. A total of 14 new members joined the society.

b. Executive Council (EC) elections. Simone Abib has been elected as President-elect and Sharon Cox as EC member-at-large. Therefore, the incoming EC consists of Joerg Fuch (President), Chan Hon Chui (Secretary), Marc Wijnen (Netherlands), Simone Abib (President-elect), Pablo Lobos, Eiso Hiyama, Andrea Hayes-Jordan, Sharon Cox.

c. Transition to new Membership and Webpage management. Transition to the newly appointed company, Netzwerkbetreuung & Datenbankentwicklung (Germany), has been completed.

d. IPSO Scholarship 2019. This year's IPSO scholarship has been awarded to Dr Marat Grygorian from Ukraine who presented this morning. President has also announced the addition of another scholarship to be awarded next year.

6. Treasurer's report. Marc presented the financial report from Sep 2018 – Sep 2019. The report was accepted. All figures listed here are in Euros. The year started with a capital of 39,108.29, and it ended with 41,877.21. We collected membership fees of 9,029.54. We incurred expenses of 6,260.62 which included IPSO scholarship of 1500, best presentation prize 300, website 885 (former vendor), EC cost 2767.71(included 2 years' expenditure), travel reimbursement of invited IPSO symposium speakers 500. Bank charges 307.91.

7. IPSO Subcommittees. Chan Hon explained that the subcommittees were meant to involve more IPSO members to participate in the growth and development of the society. Re-organization has been planned and he announced an open call for willing members to come forward to serve in these committees.

a. Program Committee's report (Pablo Lobos). Pablo presented his report on the committee's work this year. Abstracts were scored by the program committee members. In addition, the committee worked on the scientific program for Lyon 2019, Orlando 2020 and Ottawa 2020. As chair of the Program committee, Pablo also represented IPSO at the SIOP Scientific Committee to avoid conflicts in the program in solid tumor sessions. Papers were also selected for best of IPSO/PBC sessions for IPSO. There were 84 abstracts received, an increase from 78 received last year. 39 were oral presentations, 12 oral posters, 30 posters for exposition and 2 were rejected. There were 36 papers from Europe, 26 from Asia, 8 from Africa, 6 from LATAM and 4 from North America. The upcoming WOFAPS meeting has a Paediatric Surgical Oncology Symposium on surgical guidelines, and an interactive workshop on common surgical oncology techniques. For the APSA-IPSO joint meeting (13-14 May 2020), 39 abstracts have been submitted. The IPSO-SIOP 2020 in Ottawa will be on Oct 14-17. Abstract deadline will be end of February 2020. Proposals of topics for the IPSO program are welcome.

b. Education Committee's report (Ted Gerstle). Sharon Cox has just stepped down from the chairmanship of this committee and Ted has just taken over. Further information will be made available later on.

c. New Members Committee (Jim Wilde). This committee was intended to increase the visibility and membership of IPSO.

d. Bylaws Committee (Chan Hon Chui). This committee will look at the bylaws this year and make it relevant to IPSO for 2020.

e. IPSO Young Surgeons. This is a new committee that will be formed. It is an effort to attract young surgeons into our society. Young surgeons will include trainees, students, general surgeons or junior paediatric surgeons who are less than 40 years of age. The age of 40 will be made flexible for those who may have interrupted their training due to some reasons. A lower membership fee will be imposed and SIOP has agreed on a lower congress registration fee for this group.

f. IPSO Foundation. Chan Hon presented the purpose of this foundation is to connect donors with healthcare professionals to advance medical education in paediatric surgical oncology in resource limited countries. The beneficiaries will be low- and middle-income countries. They will benefit from a funded Travelling Teacher Program, Travelling Trainee Program and other potential scholarships. All applications will need to have a detailed program submitted to the EC for approval. The donations will be submitted in the form of simple donations (download an online donation form and perform a fund transfer), corporate donations, and named programs (at least 20,000 Euros). The Program will be administered by the IPSO EC as the board of trustees and will be chaired by the IPSO President. The program will commence once we have collected funds of at least 20,000 Euros.

8. Recognition of outgoing EC members. The following EC members were recognised for their valuable contribution over the last 4 years. A token of appreciation was presented to both.

a. Paul Losty (Member-at-large)

b. Robert Shamberger (Past-President)

9. Recognition of Local Arrangements Chairs Frederic Hameury and Sabine Sarnacki.

President thanked both Frederic and Sabine for their hard work in making this meeting a success. The hospitality was exceptionally warm. Tokens of appreciation were presented to them.

10. Invitation to IPSO Ottawa 2020 (Ahmed Nasr). Ahmed made a very nice presentation on the upcoming event to be held in Ottawa in Oct 2020. Invitation has been extended to all members.

11. New Businesses. (I) Roly Squire asked if IPSO could provide free online information or guidelines to surgeons of low-income countries. The current society rules would require one to be a paid-up member to be able to benefit from the information. There exists surgeons who are very poor and extra expenses such as these would discourage them from getting the correct information. IPSO will be looking into the above. (II) Andrea Hayes-Jordan asked all members to invite surgeons and colleagues to join IPSO as new members.

12. Adjournment