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## IPSO Newsletter: February 2021

Dear Friends,

We are moving into the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic. We experienced many changes, yet we developed our very first virtual IPSO-SIOP annual congress. The latter has transformed the way we share paediatric surgical knowledge and expertise to a different level.

COVID has made us appreciate the potential of information technology, enabling us to fulfil our aim of *ensuring that each child with cancer has access to state-of-the-art surgical management by advancement of medical education in paediatric surgical oncology*. Our executive council and the education committee are putting in great efforts to reach out to more surgeons.

Yours sincerely,  
Chan Hon Chui  
Secretary, IPSO

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

# IPSO 2021

HONOLULU, HAWAII, USA | OCTOBER 21 - 24, 2021



Abstract submission deadline is **April 19, 2021**

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### I. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IPSO members,

Greeting to all!

I would like to thank all of you for the trust in me as the president of our organization, what a great honour!

IPSO program for the Honolulu meeting has very exciting topics, thanks to Dr Pablo Lobos, Dr Sharon Cox and Dr Israel Piñeda. We would also like to thank Dr Sidney Johnson, who is the IPSO local organizer. SIOB board together with Kenes are currently in the process of reviewing the final format (hybrid or fully virtual) of the 2021 Annual Congress in Hawaii. A final decision will most likely be taken end of March/beginning of April and we will inform you accordingly.

We have included a special symposium on Global Medicine in the program, to talk about the challenges that are present in LMICs, residents' training and the IPSO efforts on the WHO initiative, in partnership with SIOB, PROS and St Jude, among other stakeholders. The SIOB-IPSO-PROS symposium on Multidisciplinary Management of Pelvic tumors will bring different perspectives from oncologists, surgeons and radiation oncologists that treat such complex cases. The Surgical Skills Seminar will discuss surgical techniques and new methods for lymph node localization for sarcomas, pancreatic tumors and chest wall tumors. For the first time, IPSO will be officially part of the Meet-the-Expert sessions with the topic "Decision making in abdominal complications in neutropenic patients", when it

is so important that oncologists and surgeons to work together, and align decisions and timing in a proper manner.

With the objective of supporting global studies, to promote exchange and equity, to enhance research culture and to provide opportunities for a greater number of patients to be included in studies, we would like to invite you to submit your research projects to receive IPSO support.

In order to strengthen our position as the leading society for pediatric surgical oncology worldwide, we are building important partnerships with other societies and we have launched a fellowship program that will be piloted in Sudan, Ghana and Peru. We have already built a unified curriculum to be delivered at various sites. Besides training surgeons for adequate surgical care for children with cancer, we want to help them establish an effective local multidisciplinary team and network that can provide treatment and enhance the possibility of cure where needed. Once it is validated in the pilot countries, it can be spread out to other regions.

The questionnaire that was sent to IPSO members is linked to this initiative, aiming to identify other potential training centers and to identify local needs. The same questionnaire will be shared with other societies, so that we can align their needs to our training proposals.

The IPSO Practice Guidelines initiative has received an overwhelming response from our

membership as authors and I would like to thank you all for your commitment. The guidelines will be the baseline to building educational material for the various training initiatives. Soon we will contact you to contribute with education material for the initiative, we hope to count on your valuable help.

I would like to highlight our partnership in various initiatives with SIOP, PROS, St Jude and WHO. Together we can make great contributions to children worldwide.

I would like to thank Chan Hon Chui for his outstanding job in compiling all the information in this newsletter and the EC and members of IPSO Education and Young Members committees for their continuous support and hard work.

Please feel free to contact me: [simoneabib@uol.com.br](mailto:simoneabib@uol.com.br). Thank you!

*Simone Abib*  
*IPSO President*

## II. CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

With the completion of the Executive Council ("EC") elections and our annual meeting online, we are happy to announce the following changes to the Executive Council:



*Simone Abib (Brazil)* has assumed office as the President of IPSO. Concurrently, she represents IPSO in the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer and is a member of the Education Committee and Programme Committee. Prior to this, Simone has also served as Chair of the Programme Committee.



*Israel Fernandez-Pineda (Spain)* has been elected as Executive Council member-at-large. We look forward to his contribution to IPSO.



*Eiso Hiyama (Japan)* has completed 4 years of exemplary service as an Executive Council member-at-large. We hope that he will continue to serve IPSO in other capacities.

### Executive Council 2020-2021

President:	Simone Abib (Brazil)
Past-President:	Joerg Fuchs (Germany)
Secretary:	Chan Hon Chui (Singapore)
Treasurer:	Marc Wijnen (Netherlands)
Programme Chair:	Pablo Lobos (Argentina)
Members:	Andrea Hayes-Jordan (USA) Sharon Cox (S Africa) Israel Fernandez-Pineda (Spain)



Appreciation to Eiso Hiyama



Appreciation to Joerg Fuchs

### III. COMMITTEES

#### 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)  
Simone Abib (President)

#### B. Education Committee

Objective:

- Advancement of education in paediatric surgical oncology.

Members: Ted Gerstle (USA) (Chair)

Abdelhafeez 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)  
Joerg Fuchs (Germany)  
Simone Abib (Brazil)  
Marc Wijnen (Netherlands)  
Israel Fernandez Pineda (Spain)  
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)

Coordinators: Timonty Lautz (N America)  
Fernanda Kelly Marques de Souza (S America)  
Kagiso Batka-Makwinja (Africa)  
York Tian Lee (Asia)  
Alexander Siles Hinojosa (Europe)

**E. 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)

## IV. MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**1. Renew membership online**

Please renew your membership on IPSO website: [ipsso-online.org](https://www.ipsso-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 14,2020 will be considered for financial year of 2021.

## 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. IPSO Scholarships

Executive Council has approved for 2 scholarships of similar quantum (1500€) to assist young surgeons from low and low-middle income countries to attend the IPSO-SIOP Annual Congress. No scholarships will be awarded if a virtual meeting is held.

## V. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. **IPSO-SIOP Honolulu 21-24 Oct 2021.** Pre-Education Day on 21 Oct 2021  
Abstract Submission Deadline: Apr 19,2021 Early Bird Registration: Jul 27,2021




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](http://siop-congress.org)” website.

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

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)**”.

### 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





Banner for IPSO Annual Congress 2021 in Honolulu

### Highlights of IPSO Annual Congress 2021 @ Honolulu

**Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Seminar:**

(i) Lymph node localization for sarcomas, (ii) pancreatic tumors, (iii) chest wall tumors

**IPSO Symposium:** Care Challenges Facing Low And Middle Income Countries

**SIOP-IPSO-PROS Symposium:** Multidisciplinary Management of Pelvic tumors

**Meet the experts (MTE):** Decision making in abdominal complications in neutropenic patients

### JESSE TERNBERG'S IPSO SCHOLARSHIP 2021 – 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 Honolulu, Hawaii. 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.

## VI. IPSO PRACTICE GUIDELINES

*A Project by the IPSO Education Committee*

### Introduction

Paediatric surgical oncology is evolving rapidly leading to improvement in clinical outcome. It is International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO)'s mission that we ensure each child and young adult with cancer has access to state of the art surgical management, and to encourage global dissemination of best practice.

The Executive Council has tasked the Education Committee to develop the IPSO Practice Guidelines. This is a consolidation of surgical practices in paediatric surgical oncology based on published scientific evidence. Many of the surgical questions have been presented and discussed at our annual IPSO congresses. We hope this will serve as a concise summary of practice guidelines. When required information is unavailable, we encourage readers to communicate with the Education Committee.

This document is a set of practice guidelines developed for surgeons. Any attempt to interpret it by non-surgeons is discouraged. IPSO does not endorse or recommend any commercial products, processes, or services, that may be mentioned in this document.

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### Topics

1. Management of lymph node enlargement in children
2. Wilms Tumor
3. Venous access for the pediatric cancer patient
4. Surgery for lymphoma
5. Neuroblastoma
6. Germ cell tumors
7. Thoracic tumors
8. Pulmonary metastases
9. Rhabdomyosarcoma and non-rhabdomyosarcomatous sarcoma
10. Osteosarcoma and Ewing sarcoma
11. Liver tumors
12. Surgical strategies in pelvic tumors
13. Rare tumors
14. MIS in pediatric oncology
15. Role of surgery in diagnosis
16. Pediatric surgical oncology and palliative care
17. Pediatric surgery and the immunocompromised patient/BMT
18. Fertility preservation
19. Surgical emergencies in pediatric surgical oncology

The project has gone into full-swing. The first 4 topics have already been completed and uploaded to the IPSO webpage ([ipso-online.org](http://ipso-online.org)) under "Education". The rest are being enthusiastically developed by appointed lead authors and co-authors.



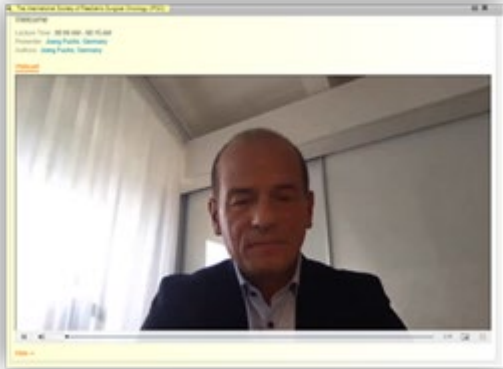
VII. PAST MEETINGS

IPSO VIRTUAL CONGRESS 2020

IPSO Virtual Congress OCT 14-17, 2020

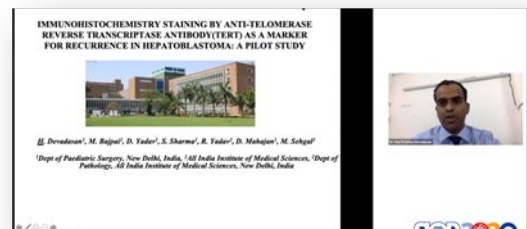


## WELCOME, PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



The IPSO first virtual congress officially opened by Jörg Fuchs (Germany), IPSO President at 8:15 am Ottawa Time on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The first session was on **Liver Tumors** and was chaired by Piotr Czauderna (Poland) and Gloria Gonzalez (Chile). All the oral presentations were pre-recorded and played to the audience. Harikrishna Devadasan (India) presented his paper on Immunohistochemical staining by TERT as a marker for recurrence in hepatoblastoma. He found that nuclear staining for anti-TERT correlated with recurrence regardless of staging. This presentation was followed by the use of neoadjuvant trans-arterial radioembolization in the management of 4 patients with ruptures undifferentiated embryonal sarcoma of the liver by Zachary Kastenber (USA). All patients were alive without evidence of disease at last follow-up. This session concluded with a oral poster presentation by Derek Harrison (South Africa) on the outcomes of 29 paediatric liver tumors at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital in a resource limited country. Rodrigo C Ribeiro (Brazil) concluded this session with a report from the Latin American Pediatric Surgical Oncology Collaborative Group on Pancreatic tumors in children. A lively Q&A session followed with the moderators and presenters answering questions live.



Session 2 was on **Neuroblastoma** and was chaired by Sabine Sarnacki (France) and Keith Holmes (UK). The first paper was presented by Steven Warmann (Germany) that was on the 2-cavity approach for resection of abdominal

neuroblastoma. The paper emphasized on the preferred approach of proximal and distal control of the IVC and the aorta and was well tolerated by patients. This was then followed by Chan Hon

Chui (Singapore)'s presentation on supraclavicular lymph node metastases in neuroblastoma. Stefano Avanzini (Italy) then presented an oral poster to address if IDRFs be differentially scored to predict surgical risk in neuroblastoma resection. André Cardoso Almeida (UK) presented his work on 22 laparoscopic transperitoneal adrenalectomy in children.



The **Daniel Hays Surgical Skills Seminar**, chaired by Paul Losty (UK) and Sharon Cox (South Africa), showcased many interesting surgical oncological applications. Thomas Blanc (France) presented his centre's large experience on the application of Robotic-assisted surgery for pediatric solid tumors. The operative

videos were excellent and illustrated many important operative steps. Marc Wijnen (The Netherlands) spoke on the role of new technologies in preoperative planning and intraoperative computer-assisted tools. He elaborated on the use of 3D imaging and printing, and augmented reality. This surgical seminar concluded with a lecture on the management of surgical complications by Steven Warmann (Germany). Advanced pediatric surgical oncology is regularly associated with relevant surgical morbidity. Steven emphasized the need for meticulous classification of complications in the analysis of surgical procedures. The extent of such surgical complications may be limited through specific measures. Consequent, focused and rapid management of surgical complications were illustrated. In many instances, treatment of surgical complications required an interdisciplinary approach.

**IPSO Sarcoma I session** was chaired by David Rodeberg (USA) and Andrea Hayes-Jordan (USA). Benedikt Wagner (Germany) reported his results using an animal model of rhabdomyosarcoma, evaluating the effects of



HIPEC. There seemed to be some early effects of cisplatin and hyperthermia on the tumors. Hafeez Abdelhafeez (USA) then presented his paper on the alternative approaches to retroperitoneal lymph node dissection for paratesticular rhabdomyosarcoma. He showed that ICG fluorescence lymph node mapping was feasible. The application of 99mTc-Tilmanocept for pediatric sentinel lymph node biopsy was prospectively evaluated in pediatric patients with solid tumors by Jennifer Aldrink (USA). 2 oral posters on the results of testicular transposition to decrease the delivered dose of brachytherapy to the testes in bladder prostate rhabdomyosarcoma by Silvia Scarvaglieri Mazzeo (France), and Microcoil localization as an effective adjunct to thoracoscopic resection of pulmonary nodules in children by Katrina Morgan (USA) were presented.

The meeting was adjourned for the IPSO annual general assembly.



On the next day, we saw the next session was on **Germ cell tumors**, chaired by Jonathan Karpelowsky (Australia), and Rodrigo Chaves Ribeiro (Brazil). Zaida de Machai (Panama) presented her paper on 18 mediastinal germ cell tumors in children and adolescents in Mexico, while Hira Ahmad (USA) presented on the functional fecal and urinary outcomes after sacrococcygeal tumor resection in pediatric patients. She recommended multidisciplinary approach with bowel and bladder management programs to optimize outcomes. Derek Harrison (South Africa) reported on the management and outcomes of paediatric extra-cranial germ cell tumors at the Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital.



This year's **IPSO Keynote** Lecturer was Eiso Hiyama from the Hiroshima University Hospital, Japan. He shared his experience on "Fluorescence-guided Surgery in Pediatric Solid Tumors". He showed that Indocyanin-green (ICG) fluorescence navigation imaging surgery achieved precise and sensitive

detection of hepatoblastoma metastases as well as hepatic primary tumors, especially for small and multifocal lesions, extrahepatic invasion, and lymph-node metastases. His group has also applied this technique to other malignant tumors. ICG navigation is also useful as angiography, lymphangiography and cholangiography at surgical field.

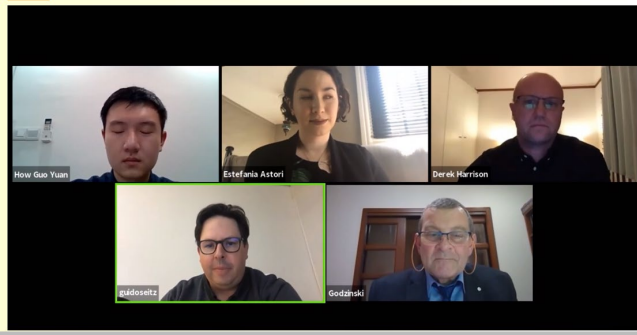
The second day peaked with a very exciting **Robert Arceci's Best of IPSO**. 6 highly scored abstracts were pre-recorded and presented. They included the results in comparing conventional resection versus primary OLT and intensified chemotherapy in Pretext IV hepatoblastoma – results of the GPOH Liver Tumor Study Group by Beat Haerberle (Germany). By combining intensified neoadjuvant chemotherapy and liver transplantation, improved survival was documented. The next presentation was on the Quality of resection and complication rates related to different techniques of nephron sparing surgery for renal tumors in children by Jan Godzinski (Poland). He reported higher incidence of surgery related complications rate than those published after classical postchemotherapy nephrectomy. Anatomical heminephrectomies had lower rate of complications than wedge



resections and enucleations. Jeanne Goulin (France) presented her paper on the introduction of 3D modeling and peripheral nerve tractography in the management of pelvic tumors. The computer-assisted MRI post-processing (AI) enabled 3D models, integrating visualization of the pelvic nervous system, were found useful for all residents and especially for neurogenic tumors for senior surgeons. This paper was awarded the Jack Plaschkes Best Oral Presentation. Rezkalla Akkary (France) presented the Longterm urological complications after conservative local treatment in children with bladder-prostate rhabdomyosarcoma. 26% of patients had long-term urological complications and they were related to the presence of posterior bladder wall dissection and the young age of operation (less than 2 years). Thomas Blanc (France) presented on the morbidity in robotic surgery for pediatric oncology: preliminary results after 3 years. This is considered a feasible and safe procedure in a highly selected group of children, reproduces all the steps of the open surgical approach required to treat the tumor. Tomoro Hishiki (Japan) presented on the evaluation of pre and postoperative split renal function in surgical treatment of high-risk abdominal neuroblastoma. He reported that split renal function of the ipsilateral kidney frequently impaired before conducting definitive surgery, presumably due to direct invasion or the impeded blood flow caused by the compression from the tumor. Surgery itself did not largely affect the split renal function suggesting the positive role of kidney sparing surgery on preserving the function of the ipsilateral kidney.

The **Renal tumor session** started with the nephrometry scoring systems for nephron sparing surgery (NSS) in children with renal tumors by Chaima Mrad (France). Such nephrometry scoring systems are helpful predictors of the feasibility of NSS in children. Ahmed Elgeny (Egypt) presented on the surgical violations and their impact on the outcome of unilateral Wilms Tumor. Jan Godzinski (Poland) reported the structure of surgical procedures for renal tumors in a member centre for the European reference network. Bibekanand Jindal (India) then presented his paper on Pediatric non-Wilms renal tumors from his tertiary care center. Chaima Mrad (France) then shared on nephron-sparing surgery in Wilms Tumor with obstructing botryoid growth pattern in children with bilateral disease. Meriem Oumaya (Tunisia) presented her 10-year experience of surgical strategies in the management of Wilms Tumor in Children with bilateral Nephroblastomatosis.



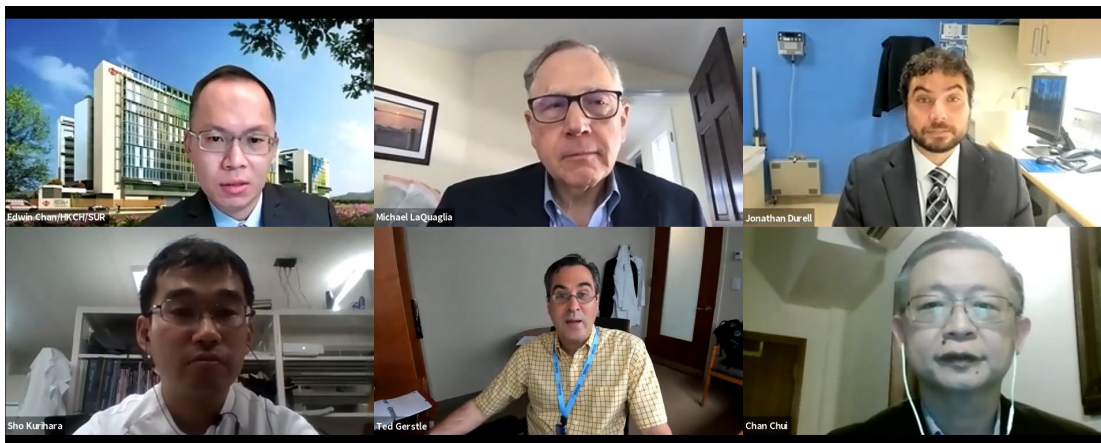


At the second **Sarcoma Session**, Guo Yuan How (Singapore) presented on the clinical profile and treatment outcomes of rhabdomyosarcoma in relation to updated histological classification - a population-based study in a multiracial Asian population. Derek Harrison (South Africa) presented Management and Outcomes of patients with rhabdomyosarcoma at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital.

Estefania Astori (Argentina) presented on the analysis of thoracotomies in Pediatric Sarcomas: is it still worth going open? The paper concluded that they would still consider open resection of pulmonary metastases.

On the third day, Hira Ahmad (USA) presented histopathologic diagnostic accuracy from fine needle aspiration biopsy of pediatric thyroid nodules can be improved with the application of Ti-Rads. Sofia Vasconcelos-Castro (Portugal) presented on her 6 year review of Thyroid surgery in Children.

**IPSO Problem Cases session.** This favourite session had to be modified due to the limitations in participation on a Virtual Platform. The Program Committee sourced for 3 interesting cases that were presented and then discussed by a panel of experts that included Michael LaQuaglia, Ted Gerstle and Chan Hon Chui. The entire session was prerecorded. In this session, the first case was an infant with neuroblastoma, presented by Edwin Chan (Hong Kong). After a period of observation, the tumors progressed and he was then given chemotherapy. His tumors responded to chemotherapy by reduction in size. The second case was a child with a large pancreatic



rhabdomyosarcoma and Li Fraumeni Syndrome that did not respond to chemotherapy, presented by Sho Kurihara (Japan). The third case was presented by Jonathan Durell (USA) on a sarcomatous (PNET) transformation of malignant germ cell tumor. The treatment was challenging as the patient suffered multiple relapses in different locations.



In the second session on **Germ Cell Tumors** held on the third day, York Tien Lee (Singapore) presented his paper on Paediatric Risk of Ovarian Malignancy Index (PROMIX) and ovarian tumor markers to guide surgical decisions for paediatric ovarian masses. This was followed by Fanny Delehayé's presentation on the surgical management of ovarian mature teratoma in children



from the lessons learnt from the French Society of Pediatric Surgical Oncology (FrePSO). She has proposed that partial oophorectomy is the first choice of surgical procedure in pediatric population. More cyst ruptures were found during laparoscopy and therefore mini-laparotomy was preferred. Optimal

postoperative follow-up was important. Ahmed Elgendy (Egypt) presented his national survey on the current management of ovarian tumors in pediatric age group. He reported a paradigm shift towards MIS and ovarian sparing surgery. There has been a lack of standard protocol of management of ovarian tumors in Egypt.

The **IPSO- PROS- SIOP symposium** was on the *Modern Treatment of Desmoid Tumors*. This was chaired by Pablo Lobos (Argentina) and Christian Carrie (France), with three expert speakers from PROS: Daniel Indelicato (USA), SIOP: Daniel Orbach (France), and IPSO: Roshni Dasgupta (USA).



This was an eye-opening session on the modern treatment of desmoid tumors. Daniel Orbach (France) is an oncologist who started the session with his presentation. Desmoid tumor is characteristically a locally aggressive tumor with strong tendency for local relapse. R0

resection is rare, and fibromatosis stimulation resulted from incomplete surgical resection. One-third of patients may spontaneously regress if left alone. A wait and see approach has been proposed by many groups nowadays and only treat patients with symptoms or progressive disease with chemotherapy with aim for growth arrest or stabilization. Tyrosine kinase inhibitors Pazopanib and Sorafenib have been studied with results. Daniel Indelicato (USA) then presented his talk on radiation therapy. Watchful waiting leads to significant number who stabilize or spontaneously regress. Radiation reserved for selected patients, especially those who have not been suitable for complete surgery and have failed systemic therapy. There is also higher risk of toxicity of radiation. Roshni Dasgupta next presented on surgical management. The frontline treatment guideline is active surveillance for 1-2 years. Pain does not usually indicate surgery. Hopefully no intervention for at least 1-2 years. It is advisable not to overtreat the patients.

**Saturday October 17th, 2020. (IPSO Educational Day, SIOP day 3)**

Since 2019, the IPSO Executive Council has focused the Education Day on the Young surgeons. The program aims at building a strong foundation for our Young surgeons. Starting from this year, the program will be developed by the Program Committee and the Chair of the Young Surgeons Committee. Therefore, it was most appropriate that the Education Day was opened by the co-chairs, Pablo Lobos (Argentina) and Luca Pio (France).

All the presentations were pre-recorded. Live discussions were conducted at the end of each group of talks on the same topic. The day was divided into 4 sections, namely, Liver tumors, Sarcoma, Pulmonary metastases, and Mediastinal tumors. Tomoro Hishiki (Japan) gave an excellent lecture on the liver anatomy, staging systems and virtual liver resection. Rebecka Meyers (USA) spoke on the technical issues including regular hemihepatectomy, advanced resections and transplantation. Jorg Fuchs (Germany) gave a concise lecture on benign liver tumors.



Timothy Rogers (UK) gave an excellent lecture on when to perform primary resection or biopsy in rhabdomyosarcoma and non-rhabdomyosarcomatous soft tissue sarcoma. David Rodeberg (USA) spoke on the INSTRUCT guidelines for paratesticular rhabdomyosarcoma. Jan Godzinski (Poland) spoke on non-rhabdomyosarcomatous soft tissue sarcoma (including extremity).



Andrew Davidoff (USA) gave an insightful lecture on the role of surgery in pulmonary metastases while Bob Shamberger (USA) gave an excellent lecture on state-of-art on mediastinal tumors before the closing of our first virtual meeting by our our president, Simone Abib (Brazil).



Presidential Address Oct 17, 2020  
 Simone Abib MD, PhD



Dear IPSO members, dear friends and colleagues,

What a great honour! What a great honour to serve IPSO. All my contact with IPSO has been magic – as an IPSO scholarship winner, I went to my first meeting in Montreal in 1999.

Later on I became the local organizer for IPSO in São Paulo, Program Chair and now I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as president. I would never have imagined this happening. It is a great privilege and pleasure to have been able to witness IPSO growth through the minds

and hands of so many brilliant surgeons as presidents and EC members through the years. With all my heart, I wish to contribute to the continuous growth of this society for the benefit of children worldwide who are in need of surgical cancer care.

More recently, under Jörg's leadership, who is a man of many virtues and qualities, with Bob's support as past president, and the outstanding stellar work of Chan Hon as secretary, Pablo as Program Director and Sabine as program co-chair, Marc as treasurer and Andrea, Sharon and Eiso as members-at-large, a strong and solid plan was put in action, setting the grounds for another level for IPSO to exist from now on and I want to demonstrate my gratitude and appreciation for all of them.

If on one hand we've had so many challenges due to the pandemic, on the other hand, these are very auspicious times for IPSO. We are having many possibilities of important partnerships, and we are having the chance to include and incorporate Pediatric Surgical Oncology in many important protocols, designed to cover every type of country and help to train surgeons to deliver adequate surgical care for children with cancer worldwide. The partnerships with SIOP, WHO and St Jude Research Hospital have been fruitful and will certainly bring very good results. Hafeez Abdelhafeez, Jonathan Karpelowsky worked with me and have done a tremendous job and I want to thank them for all the support and hard work. Ahmed Elgendy, Sharon Cox and Israel Pineda gave master contributions to guidelines. I extend my gratitude to the Education Comm led by Ted Gerstle and to Alexander Siles, IPSO digital media director. All members of the EC reviewed the guidelines (the pilot project) and gave precious input.

Becoming the leading society and reference for Pediatric Surgical Oncology, IPSO gives surgical concepts and guidelines that are made by surgeons, including those in protocols written by oncologists, building bridges with oncologists and other surgeons in order to guarantee the best quality of care.

Producing quality content by the education comm, young members comm, and the digital media director, along with the partnership with other important societies, will continue to attract new members. We are working on teaching and training possibilities globally in order to spread good practises concepts, based on local needs and you will be asked to give input on that. Don't hesitate to reach out to make suggestions.

Last year I was with my friends from medical school, celebrating the 30th year of graduation. There were some that I haven't seen for 30 years. Nevertheless, the connection remained. I had the same experience some years ago meeting my friends from high school. And I thought "what is this magical connection that remained, that I could talk to those people as if we saw each other on a daily basis?" I came to the conclusion that it was because we knew each other in the essence, independently of our professional roles, without secondary interests. I feel the same about IPSO, although we were gathered by our professional choice.

After receiving the great news that I was the IPSO president elect, I decided to go further on my thoughts on these magical things. I asked myself, "what is this wonderful characteristic that IPSO has that brings people together, without fences or defenses and welcomes everyone from all around the world?"

I came up with the following:

1. people are committed with the most important cause: CHILDREN
2. exceptional expertise
3. people love what they do
4. everybody is welcome to participate
5. we are open to learn from each other to build together a virtuous circle of best practises, meaning that the road of giving and receiving (reciprocity) is wide open without obstacles
6. if any difficulties might happen, we deal with them in the best way we can
7. individual singularity enriches the environment, everyone is unique and united through the cause
8. we are great friends and new ones come every year!

LOVE COMMITMENT EXPERTISE RECIPROCITY RESPECT OPENESS COLLABORATION

So, no wonder so many people would like to serve in such an amazing environment... and I thank all of you that volunteered to serve. Having been elected or not, you will serve IPSO, your PRESENCE (in capital letters) is very important. Going back to the magical connection: IPSO proves that it is possible to have friends all around the world and by this precious connection, we contribute to build a world that it cozy, happy, respectful... This is the magic: LOVE instead of fear. Love taught me that it is possible to connect with people in the way I did with my early days friends and integrate lots of the highest level of expertise (which are adult things) with joy, laughter, friendship.

“Many hands, many lands, many candles...  
One Fire, One Circle, One Spirit...”

I thank you very much for your confidence in me to be the next president of IPSO, representing and integrating in a more formal way the part of the globe called Latin America.

I would like to thank and honour all the past presidents and EC members who created and brought IPSO to this moment and I pray that I can serve IPSO and the children in the best way possible.

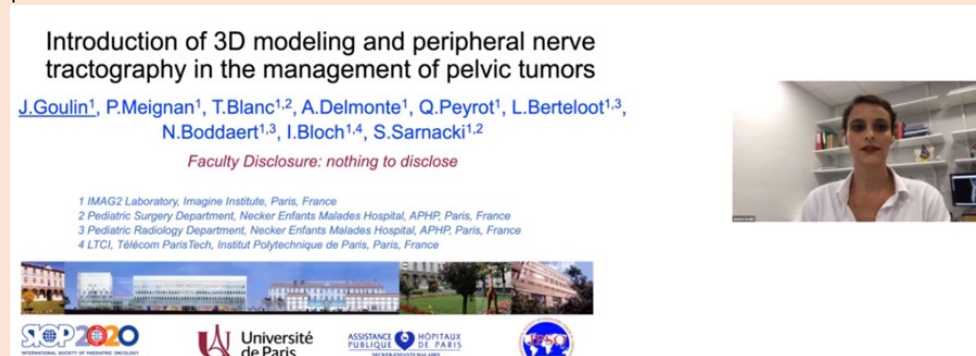
Thank you very much.

by  
*Simone Abib*

## IPSO Best Papers Awards

### Jack Plaschkes Prize for Best Oral Presentation 2020

**Dr Jeanne Goulin (France)** was awarded this prize for her oral presentation entitled "Introduction of 3D modeling and peripheral nerve tractography in the management of pelvic tumors"



### Best E-Poster Award 2020

**Dr Huma Faiz Halepota (Singapore/Pakistan)** received this award based on her poster "Relationship of Risk-Guided Practices and Outcomes of Upfront Biopsies of Anterior Mediastinal Masses in Children"

## VIII: MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Venue: Virtual Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84586476234?pwd=bVpmeUVsSFhEVFJMLzdWTGJDSFBIZz09>

Date: 14 Oct 2020, 1245-1350h (Ottawa Time)

Chair: Joerg Fuchs (Chair)

Secretary: Chan Hon Chui

Attendance: 65

### Agenda

- i. Minutes of last Annual Business Meeting 23 Oct 2019 (in Lyon)
- ii. President's report (Jorg Fuchs)
- iii. Secretary's report (Chan Hon Chui)
- iv. Treasurer's report (Marc Wijnen)
- v. Program Committee report (Pablo Lobos)
- vi. Education Committee report (Ted Gerstle)
- vii. WHO Global Initiative report (Simone Abib)
- viii. Young Surgeons report (Luca Pio)
- ix. Invitation to Hawaii meeting (Sid Johnson)
- x. Award for service for Eiso Hiyama (Jorg Fuchs)
- xi. Transfer of Presidential Chain of Office (Jorg Fuchs, Simone Abib)
- xii. Adjournment



## Minutes of meeting

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from the IPSO Business Meeting in Lyon on 23 October 2019 (*previously circulated in the February newsletter*) were shown, was proposed by Peter Ehrlich and seconded by Rebecka Meyers.
3. President's report by Joerg Fuchs.

"In my last report as IPSO President, I would like to start by thanking you for the trust you have placed in me over the past 2 years. At the same time, I would like to express my great gratitude to the EC of IPSO for the good support of my work and for the commitment of all to further develop this international organization. Our work and decisions have been professionalized through the constructive participation of the EC Board and the international reputation of IPSO has been further strengthened. At this point, I would like to say a great and personal thank you to the always available and hardworking Secretary Chan Hon Chui.

I would like to divide my report into five parts: 1. Congress activities and cooperation with SIOP, 2. Challenge Covid 19, 3. Cooperation with other international professional societies, 4. Promotion of young talents, and 5. Future challenges

### 1. Congress activities and cooperation with SIOP

The preparation of this year's 52nd SIOP Annual Congress presented IPSO's EC with a very special challenge in the form of a virtual meeting to be held for the first time. In this context, I cannot pay enough tribute to the outstanding commitment of Pablo Lobos. The many restructurings of the scientific program and the adaptations to the requirements of a virtual meeting involved a lot of extra work. Again and again, there was close coordination between him, SIOP SC, KENES and myself. The result is an excellent scientific program and a great post-educational day. A new chance lies in the fact that the online meeting might reach a larger number of participants worldwide.

I am convinced that this virtual meeting will open up new horizons and will strengthen our international reputation. However, a concrete analysis of the advantages and disadvantages is important at the end of this event. The low congress fees and the absence of travel and hotel costs are definitely attractive advantages. Through this it will be possible for many colleagues all over the world to attend this congress, albeit sometimes at difficult times of the day. In my opinion, the cooperation with SIOP was exemplary under the current circumstances. The cooperation between IPSO and SIOP has improved extraordinarily over the last 5 years and is currently being executed based on a mutual understanding and an equal footing. Meanwhile there are numerous future-oriented projects with plans to integrate IPSO at the Continental Meetings of SIOP. We will also be involved in WHO projects and can therefore fulfil our tasks as an international professional association. This can and will only work together with SIOP.

However, it must be critically noted that the diversity of the tasks ahead is often not easy for us to implement. The reasons lie in our small number of members. Nevertheless, we all should put our energy into improving the important tasks such as further education and qualification as well as the creation of international treatment standards. Another aspect is insufficient financial resources, because many of these measures require money.

### 2. Challenge COVID 19

I am of course far from going into detail in this report about the worldwide problem of COVID 19 infections. Many of you had and still have to experience significant restrictions in your operative activities because of the required provisioning of intensive care resources. Our task was mainly to give treatment recommendations for children with oncological diseases. Questions such as

preventive measures, timing of pulmonary metastases resections, risk of infection during minimally invasive procedures, etc. had to be clarified by consensus. Once again, there was good cooperation with SIOP and St. Jude Hospital. Simone Abib, Jonathan Karpelowsky, Chan Hon Chui and Hafeez Abdelhafeez did an outstanding job and the result was among others a joint and groundbreaking publication in the PBC as well as webinars and treatment recommendations on the homepages of SIOP, IPSO and WHO. Once again, a big thank you to all those mentioned.

### 3. Cooperation with international professional societies

Fortunately, more and more professional societies want to cooperate with IPSO. A very good example was the meeting with WOFAPS in Qatar in November 2019, where together with WOFAPS President David Sigalet a very good educational program was put together for this congress. Simone Abib, Andrea Hayes Jordan, Sajid Quereshi, Chan Hon Chui, Pablo Lobos, Steven Warmann and myself were able to convey modern treatment standards in pediatric oncosurgery through numerous lectures and workshops. At the same time, resources and possibilities of the "low and middle income" countries were also taken into account. The new WOFAPS President Sameh Shehata has announced that this successful concept will be continued in Prague 2022. Unfortunately, this year's Joint Meeting with APSA has been cancelled. The program was very promising and the cooperation with APSA President J. Vacanti and Program Director Peter Ehrlich was exceptionally good. Within the IPSO EC, we discussed very controversially the rather short-term APSA announcement of a virtual meeting with a different concept than that of SIOP Meeting. Our proposal to postpone the joint meeting to 2021 in Phoenix was rejected by the APSA committee because of the planned meeting with IPEG. In the end we cancelled the virtual meeting.

Nevertheless, the response to the virtual APSA meeting with sessions over several weeks seemed to be quite good. Maybe we should have held some virtual sessions together with APSA after all. However, the effort of reorganizing at short notice with ongoing preparations for the SIOP meeting, the number of IPSO participants in question, the different time zones and much more were decisive for this decision.

In 2021 there will be an IPSO oncology course at the EUPSA Congress in Athens. For this purpose, a joint agreement was reached with the EUPSA President T. Wester in September this year. The IPSO course will be conducted during the next 2 congresses with a standardized program on the relevant solid tumors. An evaluation will then decide on our further cooperation with EUPSA. Similar projects are planned together with BAPS and other continental pediatric surgical organizations. I can only urge all IPSO members to get actively involved here.

### 4. Promotion of young talents

In my view, this aspect is one of our most important projects for the future. We need significantly more young members who are also actively involved in our society. We have therefore introduced a more attractive 2-year membership with a price of 40 € instead of 80 €. The membership includes free access to oncological publications on SOSIDO, which is especially important for young members from low and middle income countries. The newly structured Educational Committee under the leadership of Ted Gerstle from New York will focus more on practical education and training. We already have and will furthermore integrate more young colleagues into chair positions at congresses in the future. In this way we would like to appreciate their work. Finally, with our IPSO Scholarship Project, which we have now extended to 2 members, we would like to offer the next generation of young people an attractive congress program within the scope of our possibilities. An IPSO young surgeons group was formed in analogy to SIOP. Here, collaboration with the SIOP young investigators group is to be established. Through this attractive offer for congress participations will be created. There is no doubt that we

do not advertise enough for our professional association. Alexander Silas from Spain has shown completely new ways to improve the IPSO reputation. A big thank you goes to him for his efforts. Check out the IPSO App and Teaser and go to the IPSO Facebook, Instagram and Twitter web pages. Further important projects for the future are the organization of IPSO webinars and the creation of a video library where tips and tricks of tumor surgery will be taught.

#### 5. Future challenges

I would like to mention just a few points here, as I am sure that our new IPSO President Simone Abib will give a more detailed statement. I have already mentioned the need to promote young talents. The development of the international reputation of our Society is another important aspect. However, here I do not only mean our congress activities, but above all our commitment to the treatment of children with cancer worldwide. Infectious diseases are increasingly receding as causes of death in childhood. Every year, 300,000 children worldwide contract cancer. Cancer is now the 2nd or 3rd most frequent cause of death after accidents. The WHO has also recognized this and would like to find solutions to the dilemma together with SIOP and IPSO. The goal of the WHO is to increase the 5-year survival rate of children to 60% by 2030 with the "Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer". This is a difficult task, as hardly any relevant financial resources are provided by the WHO. Both professional societies (SIOP and IPSO) would be overburdened with this global task if left alone. This problem has been reflected in many web-conferences with representatives of the WHO.

In the center of the cooperation are 3 activities:

- Educational programs in low- and middle-income countries
- Clinical support, guidelines and standards of care
- Regional meetings to train clinical leaders and advocates

In spite of the impassability, we must continue to seek collaboration with SIOP and WHO, because we have formulated precisely these challenges in our missions. The first successes have already been achieved with the completion of the guidelines for Wilms' tumors and lymph node management under the leadership of our new president.

We are a charity organization and have the possibility of funding. Our busy secretary Chan Hon Chui and our treasurer Marc Wijnen have developed the concept for an IPSO Foundation, which represents an important basis for a successful funding. We would be pleased if IPSO members could establish possible contacts to donors of this Foundation so that we can manage these future tasks. This remains an undoubtedly great challenge considering the current global economic situation."

#### 4. Secretary's report

- a. Membership report. The total number of members stands at 196. This included 8 honorary members, 12 retired members, 6 associate members, 12 young surgeon members and 158 active members. There has been an 29% increase in number of members from last year's 152. A total of 36 new members joined the society with 140 renewals. Current active members represent 44 countries. If we include historical members, a total of 66 countries have been represented. We welcome 36 new members (11 Young surgeon members, and 25 regular members).
- b. Executive Council (EC) elections. Thanks to Reto Baertschiger, Patrizia Dall'igna, Jamie Shalkow, Tatsuro Tajiri, who were the 4 active members elected to serve on the Nomination Committee for 2020. The Nomination Committee met and nominated Peter Ehrlich, Israel Fernandez-Pineda and Jonathan Karpelowsky to stand for election. An online election was conducted. Israel Fernandez-Pineda received the highest votes to be

elected as EC member-at-large, while Marc Wijnen (treasurer) and Andrea Hayes-Jordan (EC member) have been re-elected for a second term. Therefore, the incoming EC consists of Simone Abib (President), Chan Hon Chui (Secretary), Marc Wijnen (Treasurer), Joerg Fuchs (Past-President), Pablo Lobos, Andrea Hayes-Jordan, Sharon Cox, Israel Fernandez-Pineda.

5. Treasurer's report. Marc presented the financial report from 1 Sep 2019 – 1 Sep 2020. The report was accepted. All figures listed here were in Euros. The year started with a capital of 41,877.21, and it ended with 48,824.19. We collected membership fees of 14,420.78. We incurred expenses of 7,473.80 which included IPSO scholarship of 1500, best presentation prize 300, website 4,046.00, EC cost 1,400, International bank transfers 227.80. VAT reimbursement is pending, amounted to 646.00.
6. IPSO Subcommittees. The following IPSO Committees presented their reports: Program Committee, Education Committee, Young Surgeons Committee, and Digital Media.
  - a. Program Committee's report (Pablo Lobos). Pablo presented his report on the committee's work this year. Abstracts for the IPSO-SIOP Virtual meeting were scored by the program committee members and SPAC. In addition, the committee worked on the scientific program for WOFAPS-IPSO in Qatar in 2019, APSA-IPSO in Orlando 2020 and Virtual Meeting in 2020 and IPSO-SIOP in Honolulu in 2021. 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 and to improve on participation of surgeons in the main SIOP program. The APSA-IPSO joint meeting scheduled for May 2020 received 39 oncology abstracts with abstracts reviewed by the IPSO Program Committee and APSA Cancer Committee. The Scientific Program was built in collaboration with Peter Ehrlich (APSA Rep). Due to the COVID pandemic, the meeting was changed to a Virtual Format a month before the meeting. IPSO EC decided not to participate. For the current Virtual meeting, a total of 36 oral presentations were selected, with 11 posters for exposition, 5 publications only and 6(11.5%) were withdrawn. 18 papers were from Europe, 15 Asia, 7 Africa, 5 LATAM, and 7 North America. 27 Chairpersons or moderators of which 4 were from IPSO Young Surgeons. The Education Day was scheduled on IPSO Day 4 on Oct 17, 2020. Members were reminded of the IPSO-SIOP 2021 meeting in Honolulu on Oct 21-24, 2021. Though we do not yet know if this will be a presential, virtual or a hybrid meeting, Pablo welcome proposals of topic for the IPSO program.
  - b. Education Committee's report (Simone Abib presented on behalf of Ted Gerstle who sent his apologies). The committee members were presented. In addition, Simone Abib, Abdelhafeez Abdelhafeez and Jonathan Karpelowsky were representatives of IPSO to the WHO Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer. The Education Committee organized the **Problem Cases Session** at IPSO/SIOP (Oct 16, 2020). A pre-recorded 1-hour session was taped, highlighting 3 challenging pediatric surgical oncology cases; the management of these cases were discussed by an expert panel of pediatric surgical oncologists; based on the outcome of this pilot session, similar sessions could be presented via webinars throughout the year. **IPSO Practice Guidelines** were developed this year. Based on WHO topics, guidelines have been developed and posted on the IPSO website, including lymphoma, lymph node enlargement, Wilms tumor and central venous catheter placement. Additional guidelines will be created. In the coming year, the Education Committee proposed to (i) survey IPSO members of their educational goals such that our educational objectives match our memberships goals, (ii) Survey of other Societies' members (EUPSA, APSA, BAPS, etc.) such that our educational objectives are consistent

with the goals of pediatric surgeons in those other societies, (iii) IPSO/SIOP Travel Grant Program to allow pediatric surgeons from LIMC's to participate in observer-ships in international pediatric cancer centers, (iv) Webinars which highlight important pediatric cancer topics through lectures and case discussions; these would be focused upon both pediatric surgeons and non-pediatric surgeons, who also manage children with cancer surgery. (v) IPSO Day Courses at society meetings (e.g., EUPSA) to provide teaching on important pediatric cancer topics; these courses would be given by IPSO members with a standardized curriculum. (vi) Develop a standardized IPSO curriculum so that the information coming from our society is consistent regardless of the individual(s) who is/are teaching: This curriculum should have a specific focus on guidance with decision making around pediatric surgery cancers. This curriculum should also address the management of complications around pediatric surgery cancer procedures. (vii) Develop a plan to effectively produce educational material that is appealing to young pediatric surgeons including engaging the input from a digital media director and young members committee. Suggestions/examples: Spread IPSO information through social media and/or other societies in partnership with us. Use IPSO guidelines as a foundation to develop various ways of teaching and communication. (viii) Evaluate platforms in which IPSO content could be available. (ix) Evaluate possibilities of translating IPSO webinars in other languages and consider different time zones when presenting webinars. (x) Difficult cases discussion sessions (other languages/different time zones). (xi) Develop Patient and Parent information

- c. WHO Initiative on Pediatric Cancer Global Initiative (presented by Simone Abib). SIOP, IPSO, PROS, St Jude and GICS (Global Initiative for Children's Surgery) have come together on this initiative. At the meetings with WHO, we were tasked to develop assessment tools (diagnostic and therapeutic capacity, workforce), and economic decision tool for governments, and with focus on specific countries as advised by WHO. At the meetings with GICS, we collaborated on global research on COVID. Further discussion with SIOP and St Jude representatives (Michael Sullivan, Nickhill Bakta, Hafeez Abdelhafeez, Jonathan Karpelowsky, Simone Abib) resulted in the alignment of the WHO initiative, priority topic for IPSO input, and the Adapted Resource Implementation Application (ARIA). ARIA requires platform with algorithms, guidance, research to be developed. It will provide information for oncologists regarding surgical guidelines to talk to local surgeons. It is disease-based with built-in scenarios. We should include acceptable variations/delays in surgery. This should also provide guidance for governments, guidelines to the public with open access.
- d. Young Surgeons Committee (reported by Luca Pio). The committee was chaired by Luca Pio, with 5 continental co-ordinators, including Kagiso Batka-Makwinja, Timothy Lautz, York Tien Lee, Fernanda Kelly Marques de Souza, and Alexander Siles. The committee conducted Skype meeting each quarter, whatsapp group chats/discussions, and mailers to IPSO Young surgeons for communications. There have been 17 members with aims of interacting with principle pediatric societies and collaboration with SIOP Young Investigators. This year, Young Surgeons group was actively involved in the Education Day's organization with 2 Young Surgeons serving as session moderators. Young Surgeons Committee hopes that IPSO is able to standardize training requirements for Paediatric Surgical Oncology with integration with paediatric surgery programs.
- e. Digital Media (presented by Chan Hon Chui on behalf of Alexander Siles). Alexander was appointed the IPSO Digital Media Director. His talent was confirmed by the dynamic IPSO video he produced after the Lyon meeting. In addition, he has formulated IPSO's presence on Twitter and Instagram.
- f. Welcome to Honolulu Oct 2021 (presented by Sid Johnson). Sid showed the many exciting places in Honolulu with an exciting video. He invited everyone to go and

participate in the meeting.

- g. Special appreciation to Eiso Hiyama. We would like to thank Eiso Hiyama for his contributions to the IPSO EC over the last 4 years.
- h. Transfer Presidential Chain of Office. Jorg Fuchs handed over the IPSO medal (as an instrument of the Presidency) to the new President, Simone Abib.
- i. Acceptance Speech by Simone Abib. Simone thanked Jörg's leadership, Bob's support as past president, and the hardworking EC. On one hand we've had so many challenges due to the pandemic, on the other hand, we are having many possibilities of important partnerships, and we are having the chance to include and incorporate Pediatric Surgical Oncology in many important protocols, designed to cover all countries while we help to train surgeons to deliver adequate surgical care for children with cancer worldwide. As the leading society and reference for Pediatric Surgical Oncology, IPSO provides surgical guidelines so as to build bridges with oncologists and other surgeons for the best care to our patients. We will continue to work with the education committee, young members committee, and the digital media director to attract new members. We are working on teaching and training possibilities globally to spread good practices, based on local needs.

7. New Businesses. None

8. Adjournment

End of Newsletter  
See You Soon