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## IPSO newsletter July 2006

### The IPSO Oncology course at the EUPSA meeting in Maastricht, Netherlands – May 2006

The second IPSO Oncology course was again organized as a pre-meeting course for Pediatric Surgical Trainees and junior Pediatric Surgeons at the 7<sup>th</sup> EUPSA congress in Maastricht. Twenty participants followed this interactive course on thoracic tumors, liver tumors, and germ cell tumors. Interactive participation and lively discussions were the hallmarks of this course, which was centered on patients' cases and clinical problems. Participants had prepared themselves through the Distance Learning Course that they had received by mail after registering to the course. In the afternoon, the participants presented the difficult cases they had prepared to the Tumor Board, and the day was concluded with the Assessment of the Candidates with MCQ's on basic science, the Distance Learning Course and material discussed during that day. All candidates received their Certificate and successfully completed the Course. Through the questionnaire that was filled out by all participants, the course received a high rating, and the participants specifically were very enthusiastic about its interactive nature. Next year, the third part of this course will be given, after which the Executive Board of EUPSA will decide whether the course will be continued.



IPSO Faculty at the IPSO-EUPSA Oncology Course in Maastricht, Netherlands

## **News from the Program Committee**

The membership is to be congratulated on the high standard of submissions for this year's meeting in Geneva. Assessment of the submitted abstracts is done anonymously by a committee that includes members of the SIOP Scientific Committee as well as representatives from IPSO. There is general acceptance that our meeting is becoming scientifically more mature. As the membership is aware, whilst case reports often have important lessons to teach us they will only be accepted as posters. This is to allow podium time for the large number of excellent studies that are awaiting presentation. For similar reasons the time allocated to each presentation is only 10 minutes. This should be seen as 7 minutes for the actual presentation and 3 minutes for discussion. Going over time is unfair on the speakers that follow and Chairmen have been asked to ensure that speakers keep to time.

We have an exciting day of Radiology for the Surgeon that precedes the formal IPSO meeting and I hope many members will make the effort to attend.

Tom Monclair from Oslo will deliver the Tsuchida Memorial lecture as a tribute to our late colleague Yoshiaki Tsuchida and appropriately the topic is neuroblastoma which was a clinical and research interest of Dr Tsuchida for many years. This presentation is in a plenary session with SIOP and deserves our Society's support.

As usual we will have a "Problem Case" session at which a five minute presentation is allowed. You are welcome to bring clinical problems as Powerpoint presentations and approach either Dr Dan Aronson or Dr Bruce Broecker during the meeting for podium time. This is an open session and you are encouraged to present problems, either solved or unsolved, to which you feel the Membership may contribute.

The social programme is looking good!! Switzerland is not an inexpensive place and Dr Christophe Chardot has done his best to ensure that we will have an affordable good time.

However good times are defined by the company you spend them with. I hope that you will take the opportunities offered to re-establish old friendships and to make new ones.

Carpe Diem

Larry Hadley, Chairman

## **The Surgical Social Event in Geneva**

Dear Colleagues,

As local representative of IPSO in Geneva, I am happy to announce you the IPSO dinner on Tuesday, September 19th, 2006. This dinner will take place in Geneva's city center, at restaurant "la Broche", close to the lake and the old town, in the usual relaxed atmosphere. The price will be CHF 75 per person.

Would you be so kind to indicate to me by the returned attached Form (fax or mail), if you intend to participate to that dinner, and the number of persons you will be accompanied by? Do not hesitate to transfer this form to other colleagues who might want to join.

I am looking forward to welcoming you in Geneva.

With kind regards

Christophe Chardot, local Surgical organizer

## **From the Secretary/Treasurer**

Last year we decided to change and modernize the IPSO by-laws, in order to have the Membership be more involved in the choice of nominees for the various posts, to achieve more representation, and to create more competition at the elections. Larry Hadley and Gerry Haase have now produced a renewed version of the statues & bylaws (attached). Since changes in the bylaws must be sent to the membership 3 mo in advance, it seemed acceptable in time to add them to the newsletter, rather than to spend an extra mailing. However, L&G also suggested shrinking down the size of the Executive Committee, which involves a change in Article 5 of the statues. This can actually only be done if it is announced 6 months in advance. This change has been proposed since we currently have an EC that constitutes approximately 10% of the membership, and the function of the EC is to be able to take quick "executive" decisions prior to ratification at a full Board meeting. It was felt by the Statues Committee that the EC was unnecessarily large for this function. However, it can also be argued that the reduction in the EC membership will lead to a reduced opportunity for members to have a chance to meaningfully participate in the organization and does not really improve the efficiency of the governing process. This involves a thorough discussion with the Membership at the Business Meeting. In case you all do agree to this proposed change, we will then have to decide when it will come into effect.

### **- Nominees to stand for election of the Executive Board**

In Geneva, the terms of three Executive Committee members will come to an end. Giovanni Cecchetto, Pjotr Czauderna, and Gerry Haase have served two terms. All members can propose an IPSO member of good standing (who paid his dues), and has agreed to stand for this election. Also the term of your Secretary has ended. According to the Statues he can be re-elected, but the Membership is invited to propose any other IPSO member of good standing to stand for the election of this post.

If you propose nominees for election, please make sure that he/she is fully aware of the proposals from the Statues committee to reduce the size of the EC. This is a proposal and not a fact and our current by-laws require that we have an election this year. If this proposal is brought to a vote in Geneva and were it to be approved by the Membership, there would be no election since we would have arrived at the correct number of the EC by natural attrition. If it is not approved, or brought to a vote next year, we will need to fill the vacant positions. The nominee must thus be willing to stand as a candidate to the EC of IPSO in an election which may or may not take place!

### **- Call for Candidates of New Members of IPSO**

Throughout the years, Executive Board has recognized the importance to expand the number of IPSO members. This can not be stressed enough! Please consider to propose your chief, colleague, fellow, (chief)resident, registrar, or assistant with an interest in Pediatric Surgical Oncology to become a new member of IPSO. Please fill out the enclosed application form for IPSO membership and return it with a CV to the Secretary of IPSO.

## **- Annual Dues**

Recently, some of you have received a letter of remittance of your 2006 dues, and of probable unpaid dues from (the) previous year(s). Swift payment is encouraged preferably by credit card. The Treasurer will issue a receipt to all who payed the membership fee. Please realize that IPSO is a small Society that needs to keep up its financial strength. We can not survive without our dues!

## **- Please check your name, (e-mail) address, phone/fax numbers, and/or position in the 2005 Membership Directory, and please forward any changes to the Secretariat!**

Mails to the members below were returned to the secretary. Who knows their address?

Brazil: dr. Edson Michalkiewicz, Curitiba

Japan: dr. Kinji Yokomori, Tokyo

## **Rare Tumor Registry**

Please send any cases of rare tumors (as defined as tumors that do not fit into an established treatment protocol) to the Rare Tumor Registry in Amsterdam. Use the registration form attached to this news letter, or ask one at [d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl](mailto:d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl). As usual, authors of abstracts regarding rare tumors will be asked to send in their presented case.

The Registry can also be contacted to inquire for information regarding rare tumors, or to exchange rare tumor tissues for research purposes. Only names of Surgeons whose patients are registered in the database will be given upon request, since patient data are not provided for privacy reasons.

## **Presidents corner**

For the second time in May, IPSO organized a successful training course in surgical oncology for EUPSA members in Maastricht. Next year in Turino the last session of the cycle will be held.

It will soon be time for our annual meeting in Geneva. Thanks again to our local organizer Christophe Chardot and to our program director Larry Hadley who has arranged an outstanding scientific program. Our keynote lecture by Tom Monclair on neuroblastoma will be called 'Tsuchida memorial lecture' and the IPSO-SIOP symposium organized by C Chardot, R Meyers and JB Otte will focus on liver tumours and transplantation.

The general assembly will be important for you to attend, with a vote for statues and bylaws modifications. The Geneva meeting will also mark the end of my two years term as your President. It has been a great honour and privilege to serve our Society in this role. I hope that you are all planning to attend the annual meeting this year. I look forward to see you all in Geneva!

Hélène Martelli, president

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC SURGICAL ONCOLOGY  
(IPSO)

STATUTES

CHAPTER I

(NAME)

ARTICLE 1. The organization shall be known as the "International Society of Pediatric Surgical Oncology" (acronym I.P.S.O.).

(AIMS)

ARTICLE 2. To further the science and art of Medicine, striving to set a worldwide standard of excellence in respect of the surgical aspects of the care of children with cancer.

To provide a forum for communication between Surgeons and exchange of information with all those involved in the management of pediatric cancer, namely through meetings and correspondence.

To promote and assist joint projects, including Co-operative Clinical Trials with other professional organizations.

To promote co-operation with other Organizations also concerned with pediatric cancer.

CHAPTER II

(MEMBERSHIP)

ARTICLE 3. Membership of the Society will consist of Active, Associate and Honorary Members:

3.1 Active Membership will be limited to Surgeons who have shown a commitment and interest in Pediatric Surgical Oncology, whether Pediatric Surgeons or other Surgical Specialists who have activities in the field.

3.2 Associate Membership will include Pediatric Surgeons or other Surgical Specialists not specifically committed to pediatric oncology or in training and all those in non-Surgical Disciplines.

3.3 Honorary Membership will be awarded to those who have made significant contributions to our knowledge of pediatric cancer and its management, in particular in respect of its surgical aspects, or to others that are considered worthy of this distinction.

ARTICLE 4. Nominations, Rights and Duties of each category of Membership will be defined in the By-Laws.

CHAPTER III

(OFFICERS)

ARTICLE 5. The Society will have an Executive Council consisting of the Past-President, a President, a President-Elect, a Secretary and/or Treasurer, and four members at-large (included members with a specific portfolio, i.e. Program Director and SIOP Scientific committee Representative). Their terms of office should be two years, except for the Past-President and President-Elect whose terms of office is one year and the Secretary and/or Treasurer whose term of office is three years.

CHAPTER IV

(MEETINGS)

ARTICLE 6. Annually there will be a combined Scientific and Business Meeting, the time, date and place of which will be determined by the Membership at the Annual Meeting. Other Meetings may take place as required. A local organizer may be appointed at the discretion of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE 7. The rules for the conduct of Scientific and Business Meetings will be determined in the By-Laws.

## CHAPTER V

### (LANGUAGE)

ARTICLE 8. The official language of the Society will be English.

## CHAPTER VI

### (FUNDS)

ARTICLE 9. The payment of annual subscription is required of all Active and Associate Members. The amount will be determined by the Executive Council. Other forms of funding, related to specific activities or not, may be utilized.

ARTICLE 10. The Society's fiscal year will be January 1 – December 31.

ARTICLE 11. The Secretary and/or Treasurer will present an annual statement of accounts of the Society at the Annual Meeting.

## CHAPTER VII

### (AMENDMENTS)

ARTICLE 12. Amendments to the Statutes need to be submitted to the Executive Council at least 6 months before the Annual Meeting, and will become effective if supported by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the voting Active Members present. Any amendment to the Statutes and By-Laws may be originated by an Active Member. For amendments to the By-Laws a simple majority of Active members attending the Annual Business Meeting will be required.

### (DISSOLUTION)

ARTICLE 13. Should the Society be disbanded for any reason, any assets will be disposed of at the discretion of the Executive Council.

ARTICLE 14. Dissolution of the Society can only take place if supported by the affirmative vote of ¾ of the voting Active Membership, provided that such dissolution has been proposed at the time of the previous Annual Meeting.

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## BY-LAWS

### CHAPTER I

ARTICLE 1. Recommendations for Active and Associate Membership:

1.1 New Members must be proposed by two Active Members in good standing. Application for Membership will be accompanied by a summarized *Curriculum vitae* and will be sent to the Secretary's office, at least two months before the Annual Meeting.

Applications for Active or Associate Membership will be considered at each Annual Meeting of the Executive Council and a recommendation to approve, reject or defer action made by the Council.

1.2 All names of Candidates for Active or Associate Membership, which have been approved by the Executive Council, will be circulated at the next Annual Meeting, an affirmative vote of ¾ of the voting Active Membership present being necessary for confirmation. Any candidate rejected, either by the Executive Council or at the Annual Meeting, can be reconsidered after two years, after submitting a new application.

- 1.3 Termination of Membership can be effected either by submitting a written resignation to the Secretary and/or Treasurer, by failure to pay dues for three consecutive years or through an Executive Council's decision if, in its opinion, the Member has acted contrary to the accepted Ethics of the Medical Profession or otherwise acted to the detriment of the Society. In the latter instance, the Member has the right of appeal against the Executive Council's decision at the next Annual Meeting, a simple majority vote of the Active Members present being required for reinstatement.
- 1.4 Dues will be paid at the beginning of the Fiscal Year and their payment is required for voting at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Recommendations for Honorary Membership:

- 2.1 Candidates must be sponsored by at least three Active Members or by the Executive Council. Acceptance will require the affirmative vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the voting Active Members at the Annual Meeting.
- 2.2 Honorary Members have the right to participate in all Meetings but will not vote or be eligible to hold office, although they can be appointed to Committees.
- 2.3 Honorary Members are not required to pay dues.

CHAPTER II

ARTICLE 3. Executive Council:

- 3.1 The Members of the Executive Council are elected at the Annual Meeting. They may be immediately re-elected only once with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer. This (these) officer(s) may be re-elected without restriction. **Any Active Member can nominate** candidates for all officers to be elected. Any Active Member can be proposed for Membership of the Executive Council. Proposals should be submitted in writing to the Secretary three months before the next Annual Meeting and the proposed candidates must have agreed to stand.
- 3.2 Elections shall be held in succession through secret ballot (for President, President-Elect and Secretary and/or Treasurer).
- 3.3 The Officers will assume office at the end of the Annual meeting.
- 3.4 **The Executive Committee will call for nominations from amongst the membership for ad hoc appointments to relevant boards or committees outside the Society in order to represent the interests of the Society. Such appointments will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting by majority vote and will be for a period of two years. Such appointees would report on an annual basis to the Executive Committee. Members accepting such appointment may apply for re-election to the position on two occasions**

ARTICLE 4. Executive Council's Duties:

To conduct the Annual Meeting, supervise the overall affairs of the Society, to define the Society's policies, to propose or review applications for Membership.

To propose or review the format and Theme(s) for the Scientific Program.

Propose Amendments to the Statues and By-Laws.

Fill, by appointment, any vacancy in its membership till the next Annual Meeting.

Determine annually the Initiation Fee and the Annual Subscription.

Appoint any necessary "ad hoc" or standing "Working Groups or Committees", for example, the Local Arrangements Committee and the Scientific Committee.

ARTICLE 5. Executive Council's Meetings:

The Executive Council will meet before the Annual Meeting.

Other Meetings may be called by the President or two other Members of the Council. A minimum of five constitutes a quorum. In cases of a tie vote, the President will determine the outcome.

The Executive Council, when needed, may make decisions when formal Meetings are not possible, provided there is written acquiescence by a majority of Executive Council Members.

ARTICLE 6. Committees:

The Executive Council can appoint as many Working Groups or Committees as needed. The decisions of such Groups and Committees must be approved by and can be altered by the Executive Council.

6.1 Local Arrangements' Committee: to make all the necessary arrangements for the Annual Meeting (site, local facilities, administration, printed material, finances, etc.).

6.2 The Program Committee: to plan and arrange for the Scientific Program of the Annual Meeting, solicit Papers from the Membership, invite Speakers and choose Chairmen, select scientific material for oral, poster or video presentations and co-ordinate the overall Scientific Program and its timetable.

6.3 Committees and Working Groups will always meet immediately prior to the Annual Meeting. Any other Meetings will be held at the discretion of the Chairmen. A simple majority will form a quorum.

ARTICLE 7. Annual Business Meeting of the Active Members:

7.1 At the scheduled time for the Meetings, a quorum of 50% of the Active Members in good standing is required. If that quorum is not obtained the Meeting will start half an hour later with any number of Active Members present.

7.2 Elections, as well as appeals, after termination of Membership, will take place by secret ballot. Other voting may be by show of hands, unless requested and duly seconded by any Member.

7.3 Each Annual Meeting will be regarded as a separate financial entity and its expenses are the responsibility of the Local Arrangements Committee. This will not preclude an eventual participation from the Society's funds, at the Executive Council's discretion.

7.4 A Financial Report, as well as a Progress Report on the Societies' activities, will be presented by the Executive Council, preceding elections.

7.5 For committee procedures, the most recent edition of Robert's Rule of Order, revised, will be used.

CHAPTER IV

ARTICLE 8. The first formal Elections for the Executive Council, after approval of the present Statutes and By-Laws, will take place. In these Elections all those Active Members so far accepted by the *ad hoc* Committee on IPSO's Membership, are entitled to participate. At this first election 3 of the 6 Members at-large will be elected for a period of only one year.

"Approved"

Paris, France, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1994

(Prof. Dr. António Gentil-Martins, IPSO Committee on CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS)



**APPLICATION for IPSO membership**  
(please print)

**NAME OF APPLICANT**

**TITLE**

**AFFILIATION**

**ADDRESS**

**NATIONALITY**

**PHONE NUMBER**

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Patient initials:

Date of birth:

Date of Diagnosis:

Pathology:

Stage (if possible):

Organ:

Surgery(S):

Yes  No

if Yes:

primary  delayed  biopsy only

Chemo (C):

Yes  No

Radioth (R):

Yes  No

Order of (S), (C), (R):

Tumor tissue stored:

Yes  No

if Yes, how:

paraffin  frozen  culture  other:

Date of last follow up:

Condition at last follow up:

CR  PR  SD  PD  expired

Name of Surgeon:

Name of Institution Address:

Telephone:



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**IPSO Dinner** Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) at **CHF 75.- each**

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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A confirmation with additional information on the evening will be sent on receipt of the registration form and payment.

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For cancellations received before **04/08/2006**, deposits will be refunded less **CHF 25.-** for administrative costs. After this date, no refund will be possible.