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## **IPSO Newsletter: Summer 2011**

Dear Friends

This is a short newsletter to update you regarding our administrative office, and to alert you regarding some forthcoming events.

Most immediately, please note the abstract deadline for the joint IPSO-APSA meeting, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, next May.



Abstracts must be submitted by Monday 3 October. I realize that this is extremely short notice. I apologise for this, but encourage IPSO members to submit, since this is an excellent opportunity to present your work to APSA. Details can be found on the congress website [http://www.eapsa.org/Annual\\_Meeting\\_Home.htm](http://www.eapsa.org/Annual_Meeting_Home.htm)

Read more about the APSA-IPSO meeting later in this newsletter.

### **Changes in the IPSO secretariat**

The IPSO Executive have agreed terms with Kenes Associations Worldwide, an international organization who have wide experience in managing the affairs of medical societies such as ours. This will maintain our close association with SIOP, and gives us some real opportunities to develop as an international organization.

Unfortunately the negotiations with Kenes have taken some time, and have compromised the day-to-day running of IPSO, the most obvious complication being the fact that none of you have yet been asked to pay your annual subscription for 2011. This will soon be rectified, and so please be ready to pay. For those of you coming to Auckland there will be an opportunity to meet some members of the Kenes team, and the new arrangements will be discussed at the AGM.

## **The New IPSO Office**

As I mentioned in the last newsletter the new SIOP/IPSO office is in Geneva, run by Kenes Associations Worldwide. The office is lead by Ira Hajdamacha. Please feel free to contact the new office with regard to membership issues using the following methods:

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

## **IPSO/SIOP Annual Congress 2011**

Auckland New Zealand: 27-28 October 2011



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

Please note these important dates:

Educational course	26 October 2011
IPSO congress	27-28 October 2011
Melanoma/GI tumour symposium	29 October 2011
Fertility symposium	30 October 2011

More details about the 2011 congress, including online registration, can be accessed through the congress website [www.siop2011.com](http://www.siop2011.com)

The Educational day sounds very promising. There will be a combination of lectures, opportunity for questions and a group presentation by a multidisciplinary panel. Topics will include:

- Management of differentiated thyroid cancer
- Genito-urinary rhabdomyosarcoma
- Surgical management of bony tumours of the trunk and axial skeleton
- Liver tumours in children
- MRI for paediatric surgeons
- Ovarian tumours in children & adolescents
- How should I manage the patient with an anterior mediastinal mass and a threatened airway?
- What every paediatric surgical oncologist should know about radiotherapy.

Something for everyone! The meeting will run from 08.30-17.00. Delegates will get morning and afternoon tea, but will need to make their own arrangements for breakfast and lunch. A list of nearby venues will be available.

Members who are coming to Auckland are encouraged to attend the AGM/business meeting, which will be at 17.00 on Thursday 27 October. Minutes of last year's business meeting are attached to the end of this newsletter, and can also be found on the member's pages of the website (see below).

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

On top of all of this comes the opportunity to have a wonderful night out with friends from the global paediatric surgical oncology community- **the annual IPSO dinner**. This will be held on the evening of Friday 28 October and should not be missed. The venue is Harbourside Restaurant, Quay Street. A link will be placed on the website in case you want to know more details in advance. The dinner will be at 7.30pm for 8pm, and will cost NZ\$125. Tickets are available through the congress organization: please email [SIOP2011@tcc.co.nz](mailto:SIOP2011@tcc.co.nz) to purchase, and please let them know of any dietary requirements. Tickets should also be available upon registration at the meeting, but requesting a ticket at this stage is risky, since by this time the restaurant will need to know numbers attending, so there will only be a limited number of tickets still available.

*Get your tickets for the dinner as early as possible to avoid disappointment- the IPSO dinner is always very popular and often over-subscribed.*

### **APSA-IPSO meeting: 2012**

San Antonio, Texas: 19-20 May 2012

As mentioned at the start of this newsletter, IPSO is joining APSA once more for a joint meeting, which will precede the annual APSA meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This collaborative event occurs every 4 years, and has proved to be of great benefit to both APSA and IPSO members. For IPSO it allows members to hear the latest surgical oncology developments from the US, and debate the advantages & disadvantages of the differences in management.

The IPSO-APSA day in San Antonio will be on Saturday 19 May 2012, and sessions on neuroblastoma, liver tumours and challenging cases are planned. There will also a session for free presentations on paediatric oncology surgery, and IPSO members are encouraged to submit abstracts for this session. On the following day, the APSA Education day, there will be a session on the management of metastatic disease.

As mentioned at the start of this newsletter the deadline for abstracts is only a few days away.

At APSA the moderators of the 'challenging case' session need to hear about potential cases in advance of the meeting. If you have a challenging or interesting case you think would be suitable for presentation you need to let the organizers know by 29 March 2011, using the links on the meeting website. You do not need to submit an abstract for this session.

The APSA meeting continues until Wednesday 23 May, and is always one of the most valuable educational events for any paediatric surgeon. This meeting allows IPSO members who are not APSA members to attend the APSA meeting at a reduced price- don't miss this excellent opportunity.

### **IPSO course at EUPSA**

Barcelona, Spain: 5 June 2011

As usual IPSO held a one-day oncology masterclass at the annual EUPSA meeting, on this occasion in Barcelona. The course was over-subscribed, and was a great success. More than 50 delegates attended, and the feedback suggested that the day met its educational objective. The course was year 1 on the three year programme, and so included sessions on neuroblastoma, Wilms and genito-urinary rhabdomyosarcoma, all of which generated enthusiastic discussion.



We are expecting to hold the course at next year's combined EUPSA/BAPS meeting in Rome. The main meeting will run from June 13-16, and it is most likely that the course will be on the day before the main meeting starts. Details will be available in due course on the IPSO website [www.ipsosurgeons.org](http://www.ipsosurgeons.org) and on the EUPSA website [www.EUPSA.org](http://www.EUPSA.org). Early registration is advised since in the last couple of years this training day has been fully booked. We ask IPSO members to encourage their enthusiastic trainees and junior colleagues who are interested in paediatric surgical oncology to sign up for this masterclass, and draw to their attention that if delegates attend all three components (ie attend for 3 consecutive years) they are awarded a certificate of completion of the course.

## Member's News

When visiting Bristol earlier in the year your secretary took the opportunity to visit one of IPSO's past presidents, the esteemed Richard Spicer. Dick is in fine health, and having retired from paediatric surgery he is continuing his academic career, but now as a student. Dick had never received the plaque to mark his term at IPSO's helm: this has now been rectified. Dick's presence at IPSO meetings is sorely missed, but members will be pleased to hear how full Dick's life remains; amongst his new achievements his *insalata tricolore* is a notable success.



As with other retired members, once a member always a member. Retired members do not need to continue to pay dues, but are welcome to continue to receive communications such as this newsletter.

Your secretary would love to receive news items from members to put into the IPSO newsletters. Please send any items to [roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk](mailto:roly.squire@leedsth.nhs.uk)

## In Memoriam

### Amir Azmy

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Amir Azmy in spring, following a short illness. Amir was a strong supporter of IPSO, and many of you will recall his expertise in paediatric urological malignancies from IPSO meetings of the past. My personal fondness for Amir arose from my first days as a paediatric surgical trainee at Great Ormond Street, in 1979. Amir's quiet authority, exemplary manner and exquisite surgical skills made him an excellent role model, and a fine influence on a budding surgeon. He retired quite recently from his post as paediatric urologist to Yorkhill Hospital in Glasgow, where he had served the children of Scotland so well for many years. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

*Roly Squire*

### Himesh Gupta

It is with deep regret that we announce that one of our members, Dr Himesh Gupta, died in March as a result of a tragic accident. Dr Himesh Gupta graduated from Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College Aligarh in 1993. He completed his residency in oncology at the Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute in Delhi. After a brief stint in the Middle East he came to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital in 2003 to do a pediatric surgical oncology fellowship. He then returned to the Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute in Delhi as a faculty member and was instrumental in organizing the pediatric oncology department. His loss will be sorely felt by the Institute. He leaves behind his wife and two young children, his father and his brother. We extend our sincere condolences to his family.

*Bhaskar Rao*

*If you know of the death of an IPSO member, whether active or retired, please let the secretary know, so that details can be included in the next IPSO newsletter. Please feel free to include a eulogy or personal statement.*

## Website news

At the last annual general meeting we agreed that presenters at the Annual Congress, both oral and poster, should be given the opportunity to have their presentations uploaded onto the members' area of the website. Some of the 2010 presentations have been uploaded- please have a look. If you are presenting a paper or poster in Auckland please be prepared to be asked at the meeting if you will copy your powerpoint presentation to the webmaster, who will then upload it after the meeting. Please use the IPSO website [www.ipsosurgeons.org](http://www.ipsosurgeons.org) to find out more details about what is going on. The members' pages are password-protected, but can be accessed by all IPSO members using the following generic details:

**The username is: IPSO**

**The password is: member**

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

*Roly Squire (webmaster)*

## President's Corner

Dear Colleagues,



In about a month we'll meet again to boost our knowledge and our mutual friendships at the upcoming IPSO meeting in Auckland. I hope that many of you will embark to go down under. A sometimes lengthy trip, but as long as it would be for our colleagues from that part of the world to travel to our side. Be sure you have made your hotel reservations to avoid the crowd that visits Auckland for the Rugby World Cup finals on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>! Phil Morreau, our local Surgical Organizer and his team organized an appealing pre-meeting program on Wed Oct 26 and the ever tempting Surgical Social Event on Friday evening to enforce your personal contacts and enjoy. In between those two, Jan Godzinski and Steve Shochat designed an attractive scientific program thanks to all of your inspiring abstract contributions, and this years surgical key note speaker at SIOP will be Keith Holmes. Don't miss the AGM/Business meeting on Thursday (5-6 PM). We need your vote for the election of EC officers and don't forget that that is the place to be if you want to have influence on the various aspects of your Society and participate in it. Please come forward with your ideas for additions to our website [www.ipsosurgeons.org](http://www.ipsosurgeons.org) . For all IPSO members, but especially for those who cannot come to Auckland it is important to note that the combined APSA-IPSO meeting will be held on May 19 2011 in San Antonio, Texas. We have been able to have APSA postpone the deadline for abstract submission to October 3<sup>rd</sup>, so take your opportunity to submit through the APSA website!

In the meantime, my very best wishes to you all and a safe trip to Auckland.

*Daniel C. Aronson,  
President*



# Minutes: IPSO Business Meeting

Thursday 21 October 2010  
John B Hynes Memorial Convention Center  
Boston, Massachusetts

Chair: Larry Hadley (President)  
45 IPSO members

1. **Welcome** from the President: 17.00 hrs
2. **Minutes from the 2009 Meeting (Sao Paulo):** the minutes were accepted as a correct record (proposed by Steve Shochat, seconded by Jenny Walker).
3. **Report from the President:** the President thanked the members of IPSO who have Steve Shochat with regard to the scientific programme. He thanked members of the Executive Committee for their work on behalf of the Society over the past year, and offered special thanks to Patrizia Dall'Ignio, who is leaving the Executive Committee after 4 years of service. He reflected on what a good year it had been for IPSO.
4. **Report from the Treasurer:** the secretary presented the statement of finances on behalf of the Treasurer, who had sent his apologies. The Society has a positive balance of over €26,000 (statement of accounts dated 31 July 2010), with improved receipt of members dues in 2009/10. The President suggested that in view of the robust state of the Society finances we could now plan to set up an educational fund, and proposed that the Executive should be charged with taking this forward. There was assent from the members present. It was also proposed that members who have defaulted on payment for 3 or more years should be taken off the membership list. This was agreed.
5. **PBC session:** Steve Shochat explained to the members that the second day of the IPSO meeting in Boston will include a new session this year, which will be called the 'PBC session'. Bob Arceci, Editor in chief of Pediatric Blood & Cancer, has agreed that 4 selected abstracts will be presented in this session, and may then be 'fast-tracked' for publication. The IPSO scientific representatives have agreed a process to choose the four best abstracts from those submitted for presentation at the IPSO annual meeting, The authors will be asked to present at the PBC session, and they will also be asked to present a full manuscript, which will be considered by the scientific representatives. If considered to be suitable the manuscript will be recommended to Dr Arceci, who will only ask for one further independent review, and will arrange for fast-track publication. Dr Shochat expressed his thanks to Dr Arceci, and recommended that members present should pass the word to colleagues encouraging submission of good quality research to the IPSO annual meeting as a mechanism to expedite publication of their work.
6. **IPSO prizes:** the President expressed thanks to Wright Medical Technology for their generosity in continuing to sponsor prizes for the best presentations at the IPSO annual meeting, and thanked Bhaskar Rao for his role in arranging this sponsorship. He announced that this year there would be a \$300 for the best paper (judges: Godzinski & Dall'Ignia) and \$200 for the best poster (judges: Czauderna & De Corti).
7. **Auckland 2011:** Phil Morreau, IPSO local organiser for the next annual meeting invited everyone to the Auckland, New Zealand, to be held for October 26 – 30, 2011. He announced that the main themes of the SIOP meeting will be; the adolescent patient; unique challenges of the Pacific (provision of oncology care to remote places). He drew attention to the congress website [www.SIOP2011.com](http://www.SIOP2011.com) and also to the fact that the rugby football world cup final will be held in Auckland just prior to the meeting, on 23 October.
8. **IPSO Educational courses:** Robert Carachi gave a brief oral presentation about the IPSO course that has been held at the EUPSA meeting over recent years, to lead a discussion about whether this model could be extended to other paediatric surgical associations. The IPSO-EUPSA course runs as a 3 year cycle, covering all major paediatric surgical oncological topics, and is delivered by members of IPSO. Approximately 50 delegates attend each year. The course administration is run by EUPSA, who also provide a small honorarium for the IPSO delegates, recently in the form of free registration to the EUPSA meeting. Robert Carachi proposed that IPSO could set up a faculty who could deliver this course to other associations, with the aim that there would be a positive balance (ie IPSO would make a small profit rather than a loss) and that appropriate expenses etc were paid to members of the faculty. There was wide discussion, including the recommendation that local resources should be used where possible, that the initial request should come from the local organization, and that IPSO should maintain financial

independence. It was felt that this should not be considered to be a money-making venture for IPSO. The EUPSA registration for the course is currently €90: it was observed that this may be too much for many countries who would like to take advantage of the offer, but it was agreed that the registration fee would not be the responsibility of IPSO. The members present gave full support to this initiative. It was noted that delegates receive an electronic version of the textbook prior to the course, and it was agreed that it would be good if IPSO were invited to write a foreword to the next edition

9. **Administrative changes to SIOP:** the President notified members of forthcoming changes to the administrative offices of SIOP, which will also result in changes for IPSO. The full picture is not clear, but SIOP will be run from a new office in Geneva, and Rosalinde Kennis, who has been administrative secretary for IPSO as well as SIOP for many years, will be resigning. The changes will occur in January 2011. The membership will be informed in due course of the impact of these changes to IPSO. It was agreed that we should approach this as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.
10. **Report from the Webmaster:** Roly Squire asked for feedback about the website, which should still be considered to be under development, and focused on the restricted members-only pages. It was agreed that for the time being a generic password was easier for members to manage, and the username/password were given to all members present. It was agreed that these should be circulated in the newsletter. A new initiative was discussed- to include pdf versions of presentations given at the annual meeting. This was approved by the membership.
11. **Election to the Executive Council 2010:** three nominations had been received to replace Patrizia Dall'Igna on the IPSO executive, and following a secret ballot of members present, using a single transferable vote, Chui Chan Hon from Singapore was voted onto the Executive Committee.
12. **Election of New IPSO Members:** The following were elected to IPSO membership.
  - Georges AUDRY (sponsors: Martelli/Gauthier)
  - Sophie BRANCHEREAU (sponsors: Martelli/Gauthier)
  - Maria Pilar Abad CALVO (sponsors: Rao/Salas Valverde)
  - Nicholas COST (sponsors: Broecker/Aronson)
  - Constantinos HAJIVASSILIOU (sponsors: Carachi/Aronson)
  - James HAMILL (sponsors: Aronson/Squire)
  - Mark KAYTON (sponsors: Godzinski/Shochat)
  - Philip MORREAU (sponsors: Godzinski/Shochat)
  - Michael NIGHTINGALE (sponsors: Heloury/Squire)
  - Francisco PERROTTA (sponsors: Rao/Fernandez-Pineda)
  - Andres PI OSORIA (sponsors: Rao/Aronson)
  - Massimiliano SILVERI (sponsors: Aronson/Squire)
  - Katharina WENKE (sponsors: Hadley/Aronson)
13. **Appointment to Honorary Membership of IPSO:** Bruce Broecker was elected to honorary IPSO membership in recognition of his dedication to children's cancer surgery, including his commitment to IPSO as demonstrated by his spell as President in 2002/3
14. **Inauguration of new President:** Larry Hadley handed over the chains of office to Dan Aronson, the new president of IPSO. Dan thanked Larry for his work as president over the last 2 years, and then Bruce Broecker gave a brief presentation portraying the highlights of Larry's presidency.
15. **Adjournment:** the meeting adjourned at 18.18hrs