

IPSO Annual Congress: Boston, Massachusetts, October 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2010

IPSO is looking forward to an exciting IPSO/SIOP meeting in Boston 2010.

Dr. Shamberger has organized a very interesting pre-meeting program at the Children's Hospital Boston. The title of the program is

**“Update and Recent Advances in Pediatric Oncology for Surgeons”.**

A number of leaders in pediatric surgical oncology from the United States will be addressing up to date issues concerning the management of solid tumors.

Over 50 abstracts were submitted for the IPSO meeting and a very exciting meeting is being planned. We have initiated a new session this year in which the top four abstracts will be presented together and will be eligible to be published in a special section of the journal **Pediatric Blood and Cancer** entitled **“Best of IPSO papers”**.

Dr. Jan Godzinski has organized a very interesting symposium entitled

**“Toys and Tools in Pediatric Surgical Oncology”**

that will take place on the morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the IPSO meeting (October 21<sup>st</sup>). Topics to be discussed will be sentinel lymph node biopsy, tissue dissection techniques, and techniques of nephron sparing resections including bench surgery for renal tumors.

Dr. Dietrich Von Schweinitz will be presenting the key note address for IPSO entitled

**“Translational Research and Surgical Strategies of Childhood Solid Tumors”**

on the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the IPSO meeting.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> (SIOP Day 2) at 1300 after the completion of the IPSO meeting there will be a **joint SIOP/IPSO PROS Symposium dealing with the management of pulmonary metastases**. There are a number of other presentations that will be of interest to the surgeons and every attempt has been made to prevent major conflicts with the main IPSO meeting.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> (day 1 IPSO meeting) at 1200 PROS has a key note address dealing with advances in proton beam therapy and on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 0930 , Dr. Roebuck will be giving a key note lecture that is entitled “**New Interventional Technology in Radiology**”. In addition there will be a number of free paper sessions on day 2 of the SIOP meeting (October 23<sup>rd</sup> ) following the Pulmonary Metastasis Symposium that will be of interest to surgeons.

Finally, Boston is a wonderful city to explore and Dr. Shamberger is making arrangements for the IPSO dinner on the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the IPSO meeting (October 22<sup>nd</sup>) at one of the famous Boston restaurants. We look forward to seeing you in Boston. I am sure you will enjoy not only the scientific but the social aspects of IPSO/SIOP 2010.