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IPSO's 10th anniversary!

Although separate Surgical meetings were organized within the framework of SIOP since 1989 (Prague), IPSO was officially constituted as an independent society in Rhodes in 1991. It would not be until 1994 (Paris) that the new society had its own statutes and by-laws, proposed by the Executive Board and approved by the membership. In the past ten years, IPSO has flourished and its membership has gradually expanded. And we even want to expand further! In this newsletter you will find the program of the Brisbane meeting in the well established format. The Program Director, Bruce Broecker can be congratulated with a very attractive meeting program!

News from the Program Committee

Annual Meeting 2001

The IPSO meeting for 2001 will be held in Brisbane Australia on Tuesday Oct 9 at the Carlton Crest Hotel and Wednesday Oct. 10 at the Brisbane Convention Center. A program for the meeting is included with the summer newsletter. Highlights of this year's meeting include a keynote lecture by Professor D'Angio on screening high risk children for cancer. Also this year for the first time there will be an award at the IPSO meeting for "best abstract". Wright Medical Technologies is sponsoring the award which will be for AUD\$1100 (covering registration and two nights lodging approximately). This sponsorship is the result of efforts by our immediate past President, Bhaskar Rao, and hopefully will be a continuing sponsorship. IPSO would welcome further sponsorship and support. If any other IPSO members know of interested sponsors please contact President Ray Fitzgerald, Secretary Dan Aronson or Program Committee Chairman Bruce Broecker. Also please note that the social function will be on Tuesday evening. As this is the first day of the meeting it leaves little time for people to sign up to attend. Peter Borzi, this years local arrangements surgical representative, will announce details on Tuesday morning at the start of the IPSO meeting of the plans for that evening. Those who are interested in attending please be prepared to sign up promptly that morning so we can make accurate arrangements for the evening.

Bruce Broecker, Chairman, IPSO Program Committee

Nomination for the IPSO Executive Council and the President-elect

According to the statutes, the Executive Council consists of a past-President, a President, a President elect, a Secretary/Treasurer and six members at-large. Last year it was decided to split the Secretary/Treasurer into two posts. This leaves five executive members, of which four positions are now filled. A new position in the IPSO Executive Board is thus available.

We will accept nominations for one member for the Executive Council and one for the office of President-elect. Any active member can be proposed for Membership of the Executive Council. Nominations should be sent in by the end of August to the President or the Secretary of IPSO. Needless to say that the proposed candidate must have agreed to stand.

From the Secretariat

Last year, the membership directory was updated, for which the members have gotten a membership-form from the Treasurer to update their details. Nevertheless, the January newsletter was returned in some cases for incomplete or incorrect addresses. Members are again urged to forward changes of address, phone/fax numbers, and/or positions to the Treasurer.

It is of great importance to expand the number of IPSO members: If you have anyone to propose for new member of IPSO, please apply. Applications for new memberships can be sent to the Secretary, where application forms are available by e-mail (d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl). Application forms must be returned, combined with a CV of the new applicant, and sponsored by two IPSO members.

Members who have not yet paid their annual fee (1999 – 2000 – 2001) are requested to do so at short term. Please let the Treasurer know your credit card (Visa, Master/Euro) number and expiry date by mail or e-mail.

Rare Tumor Registry

Please send any cases of rare tumors to the Rare Tumor Registry in Amsterdam. A registration form can be asked to be sent by e-mail after contacting d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl. As always, part of the abstract sessions of the annual meeting will be dedicated to Rare Tumors. All authors will also be asked to register their Rare Tumor case in the Registry.

The Registry can also be contacted to acquire 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 no patient data are provided for privacy reasons.

IPSO Business Meeting (Tues. Oct 6, 16:00-17:00)

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening
2. Minutes IPSO meeting 2000 (Amsterdam)
3. Report from the President
4. Report from the Treasurer

5. Re-election of the present Executive Council members Robert Carachi, and Larry Hadley, also re-election 'in retrospect' of Frédérique Gautier and Keith Holmes (should have been re-elected in 2000)
6. Election of the nominee for the Executive Council
7. Election of the President-elect
8. New Applicants for the IPSO membership: mr. Stewart, Nottingham, UK; dr Polnik, Warszawa, Poland; dr. Renato van Wilpe Bach, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; dr. Peter F. Ehrlich, West Virginia, USA
9. Recruitment of new members
10. Medical and Pediatric Oncology
11. Future Oncology Meetings
12. Announcements and details on the social event
13. Any other business
14. Adjournment

Minutes IPSO business meeting (part II)

Friday, October 6, 2000, Amsterdam, NL

1. The minutes of the IPSO meeting '99 (Montreal) were arrested without changes.
2. Report Martelli of MPO-board Meeting:
It had been discussed whether MPO could change its title from Medical Pediatric Oncology into Medical and Surgical Pediatric Oncology. This appeared impossible for technical reasons.
3. The IPSO board discussed the issue of a double MPO subscription for IPSO/SIOP membership with Daniel d'Angio, chief editor of MPO. It was decided that the double subscription now has become voluntarily, and if not wanted, a member can approve for one subscription only. (But if one can afford a double subscription, do so! It can be given to libraries in countries with low budgets, and gives free access to MPO-internet)
4. A.o.b.:
 - The IPSO executive board decided to change treasury and secretary into two separate positions. The Board appointed Dan Aronson as candidate for secretary, who was elected by the membership.
 - Next year's IPSO meeting will be held in Brisbane, Australia, October 9 and 10, 2001. Tuesday Oct 9 at the Carlton Crest Hotel and Wednesday Oct. 10 at the Brisbane Convention Center.
 - The membership felt that the Video session at the Amsterdam meeting had been successful. The members are encouraged to make video's for a next Video session in Brisbane.
5. The meeting was closed at 1:55 pm, prior to the the History session.

Presidents corner