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## IPSO Newsletter January 2002

### IPSO/SIOP Meeting 2001 in Brisbane, Australia

The IPSO meeting in Brisbane was excellent and well attended, despite the September 11th nightmare in New York's WTC, which made some of our faithful members decide not to travel. Peter Borzi, the local arranging Surgical representative did a terrific job and hosted the lively IPSO social event. Bruce Broecker, our Program Director composed an attractive program that was highlighted by a new event, the Award for Best Abstract sponsored by Wright Medical Technology. The Award was won by Dr. Sophie Branchereau and colleagues from Paris, France for their Abstract 'Tyrosinemia Type I and Hepatocarcinoma'. Dr. D'Angio was the invited speaker for the IPSO Keynote Address on the topic of 'Screening of High Risk Children for Cancer, Paths and Pitfalls', and provided us with valuable information. There were the customary clinical trials session, the problem case session, and the submitted abstract sessions grouped by various kinds of tumors. The video session again was a means to look into each others kitchen, and led to lively discussions. Bruce Broecker became our President elect and was thanked for all the Programming work he did throughout the years by our President, Ray Fitzgerald. Larry Hadley became the new Program Director, and is faced with the challenge to organize even more attractive future IPSO meetings. IPSO members also actively participated in the SIOP program. The SIOPEL / ANZCCG – Liver Tumor Session attracted an audience of 120-150 congress members. On the last day, the surgical Siopel-1 Hepatoblastoma experience and HCC experience were presented at the SIOP Clinical Trials Session.

### Minutes of the IPSO business meeting, Tuesday October 9, 2001

Twenty IPSO members were present; Apologies: Dan Hayes, Giovanni Cecchetto, Patrizia Dalli'Igna.

1. Ray Fitzgerald opened the business meeting at 4.15 PM.
2. **The minutes** of the IPSO business meeting part two, of October 6, 2000 in Amsterdam were accepted by the membership, and signed off by the President.
3. **Financial report.** The financial report 2000/2001 was shown, discussed, and accepted. It remains clear that a large proportion of

members are not paying their dues. The Executive Board intends to take the following measures: Rosaline Kennis will become secretary of the secretariat with the task of chasing dues. The IPSO bank account will be transferred to Amsterdam, and will remain there throughout every change of the Treasurer post. At the annual IPSO meeting a public list of non-paying members will be shown, and after two years of non-payment a membership will end. The membership will received their bills in the course of January and will then be reminded twice. Dues should be paid by mid March. These arrangements were accepted by the membership.

4. **Report from the president.** The representative of IPSO of the scientific committee of SIOP, Jack Plaschkes, will have to be replaced in 2002. The rules have been discussed with SIOP, and it has been decided that IPSO can appoint a candidate. The IPSO membership can put forward any member as a nominee to the secretariat, up to two months before the business meeting 2002.
5. **Re-election of present Executive Counsel members.** Robert Carachi and Larry Hadley were re-elected by the membership for their second term in the EC, Frederic Gauthier and Keith Holmes were re-elected in retrospect for their second term, that started in 2000. They will be replaced in 2002.
6. **Election of the nominees of the Executive Counsel.** Out of 4 nominees, Jan Godzinski and Jenny Walker were elected by the membership.
7. **Election of the President Elect.** Bruce Broecker was nominated as President Elect by the EC, and was elected by the membership. Larry Hadley was nominated to become the new Program Director and was elected by the membership.
8. **Honorary member of IPSO (2002).** Jack Plaschkes was nominated by the EC and elected by the membership, to become Honorary Member of IPSO in 2002.
9. **Election of new members.** All fourteen new applicants for the IPSO membership became formal members and were congratulated by the President.
10. **Recruitment of new members.** The membership was urged to help increase the membership. Also non-Paediatric Surgeons can become part of IPSO as an Associate Member. According to the statues, an Associate Member is defined as a 'Paediatric Surgeon or other Surgical specialist, not specifically committed to Paediatric Oncology, or in training, and all those in non-Surgical disciplines'.
11. **Medical and Paediatric Oncology (MPO).** There has been much confusion about fees, and the possibility to adjust the fee. The IPSO membership costs US\$ 110, -, of which \$ 50 is for IPSO, and \$ 60 is for the MPO subscription. IPSO members ,who are also members of SIOP, will already receive a MPO subscription through their SIOP membership. They can donate their second subscription to either another Surgeon who cannot afford the Journal or to a library or Hospital in a country that otherwise would not received the MPO journal. In that case, you have to either notify MPO where to send your subscription, or to tell them that they can send it to someone of their own choice. In case of a financial problem, members may also decide to only pay \$ 50, - for their IPSO membership, without the subscription of MPO.
12. **Future Oncology meetings.** (1) IPSO/SIOP meeting in Porto, Portugal in 2002. Negotiations with Tom Voûte will follow, to see if IPSO can participate in the pre-meeting Oncology training course (September 2002). (2) Third European Oncology meeting in Germany, back to back with the German Paediatric Surgical Society meeting (2003). (3) Combined IPSO/APSA meeting in USA (2004).
13. **Membership Directory.** The membership is urged to look at their details in the new Membership Directory. Specifically whether details of their address, telephone/fax numbers, and email address are present and are correct. If details should be changed, please contact the Secretary (letterhead).
14. **Any other business.** Bruce Broecker was thanked by the president for all his work as Program Director, and the nice meeting program that resulted from it.
15. **Next AGM.** September 2002, Porto, Portugal.
16. The business meeting was closed at 5.30 PM.

### **Fund raising for the IPSO/SIOP meeting**

The IPSO Executive Board has agreed to help SIOP in an effort to contribute to fund raising for the annual meeting. We would like to ask all members to give this serious thought and try to contact any potential

donors who they feel would be receptive to sponsorship. In case of a fruitful contact, please pass this information to our Program Director, Larry Hadley ([hadley@nu.ac.za](mailto:hadley@nu.ac.za)).

## **News from the Program Committee**

### **Annual Meeting 2002**

The annual meeting of IPSO will be held in Porto, Portugal on Tuesday September 17 and Wednesday September 18. The meeting will be held at the Europarque in the morning of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and we hope to organize the afternoon sessions at the Medical School in Porto including a visit to the world-renowned Museum in the School. Jose Carvalho and Prof Estevao-Costa are the local arrangements surgical representatives and among other duties will plan a social evening for IPSO on Tuesday September 17 (SIOP opening ceremonies will be on Wednesday evening). On Wednesday the meeting will take place at Europarque. The SIOP meeting begins on Wednesday (Sept 18) and continues through Saturday September 21. IPSO members, who are also members of SIOP, will have already received abstract and registration information. IPSO members, who are not members of SIOP, should also be receiving the same information within the next several weeks. This information may also be found on the SIOP website for the Porto meeting – [www.siop.nl](http://www.siop.nl) The deadline for submission of abstracts is as always the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The video session will be repeated for which the membership is urged to submit abstracts, and we would also invite abstracts on the history of Pediatric (Surgical) Oncology be submitted directly to Larry Hadley, in order to organize a history session.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **From the Secretary/Treasurer of IPSO**

The membership directory will be kept up to date by the Secretary. Members are urged to forward changes of address, phone/fax numbers, and/or positions to the Secretariat. Applications for new memberships can be sent to the Secretary, where application forms are available by e-mail ([d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl](mailto: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. We want to expand the number of IPSO members: If you have anyone to propose for new member of IPSO, please apply.

Members who have not yet paid their annual fee (2000 - 2001 - 2002) are requested to do so. In due time, you will be contacted by Jenny Walker, who will conduct the membership administration from January 1st onwards. Upon request, please let the Treasurer know your credit card (Visa, Master/Euro) number and expiry date by mail or e-mail. One of the goals in the year 2002 will be to restore our financial strength!

### **Call for candidates for the IPSO Executive Board**

Three new positions in the IPSO Executive Board will become available in 2002, by the leave of Mitchio Kaneko, Frederique Gautier, and Keith Holmes. Any active member can be proposed for Membership of the Executive Board. The members are asked to submit proposals to the Secretary in writing, at least three months before the Annual meeting. Needless to say that the proposed candidate must have agreed to stand.

## **Presidents corner**

The Brisbane meeting was a great success and IPSO continues to increase in size and strength . We are looking forward to Portugal in the autumn. The attached meetings such as the American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA) are going to continue but we also are going to be totally involved in the European meetings from now on - there is going to be one in Germany next year.

It is vital that the IPSO surgical representative for SIOP be carefully chosen so that he or she can continue the great work that Jack Plaschkes has been doing for many years. Please consider this and send your proposal to Dan Aronson, our Secretary. Dr. D'Angio continues to be most welcoming and encourages paediatric surgeons to write for the journal (Medical and Pediatric Oncology) of which he is the Editor-in-Chief.

We cannot survive without our dues – please pay them!

Ray Fitzgerald

# IPSO - Rare Tumor Registry

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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:

Telefax: