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IPSO Newsletter July 2002

IPSO meeting 2002 in Porto, Portugal

This year you will not find the program of the Porto meeting in the newsletter, since it will be published in MPO in its issue prior to the meeting. The Program Director, Larry Hadley can be congratulated with a very attractive meeting program! Again, the meeting format differs from our usual, and starts on September 18 at day one of the SIOP meeting, rather than the day prior to it.

News from the Program Committee

Annual Meeting 2002

Larry Hadley, Chairman, IPSO Program Committee

Nomination for the IPSO Executive Council

Michio Kaneko, Frederic Gauthier and Keith Holmes will step down after finishing their terms. We will accept nominations for the Executive Council. Any active member can be proposed, you can not propose yourself. Nominations should be sent in by the end of August to the President or the Secretary of IPSO. The proposed candidate must have agreed to stand.

From the Secretariat

This year the payment system has been changed, and the IPSO account has been moved to Amsterdam. The 2002 dues are therefore collected much later (July/August) than you have been used to, for which we apologize. The annual dues have been changed from US\$ to € on a 1:1 basis. Payments can now be done by all major credit cards. We urge you to pay your dues promptly, so that the Treasurer is able to present his Statement of Finances as complete as possible at the Business Meeting in Porto.

Although the membership directory was updated last year, the January newsletter was still 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 Secretary, either by e-mail or by snail mail. Who knows the addresses of the following members: Angelo Loochkartt, Colombia; Edson Michalkiewicz, Brazil; Milan Stebnicky, Slovak Republic? Please contact the secretariat!

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. Special application forms are available (d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl). Application forms must be returned to the secretariat, combined with a CV of the new applicant, and sponsored by two IPSO members.

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 free paper sessions of the annual meeting will be dedicated to Rare Tumors. All authors will be asked to register their Rare Tumor case in the Registry.

The Registry can 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 Porto (Wed. Sept 18, 16:50-17:30)

Tentative Agenda (changes may be announced at the meeting)

1. Opening
2. Minutes IPSO meeting 2001 (Brisbane), see January 2002 IPSO newsletter
3. Report from the President
4. Changing chair from President to President-elect
5. Report from the Treasurer
6. Election of three new Executive Council members
7. Replacement of Jack Plaschkes by Dietrich von Schweinitz as member of the SIOP scientific committee
8. New Applicants for the IPSO membership

9. Recruitment of new members
10. Journal Medical and Pediatric Oncology
11. Future Oncology Meetings
12. Announcements and details on the social event
13. Any other business
14. Adjournment

Presidents corner

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