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IPSO/SIOP Meeting 2003 in Cairo, Egypt

The past IPSO meeting in Cairo, Egypt has been a great success, despite the threat to peace in that part of the world, which kept many of us from traveling to that region. Still, between 150 and 200 (surgical) oncologists were present at the IPSO meeting from many countries of the five continents. Many papers of interest were presented, and an overview of all major running international oncology studies were outlined by experts in the field. One of the highlights again has been the Best Paper Award, sponsored by Wright Medical Technol. This years winner was dr. Marianne D. van de Wetering from the Netherlands, with her paper 'Prophylactic Antibiotics for Preventing Early Central Venous Catheter Gram-Positive Infections in Oncology Patients: a Cochrane Review'. Our local Surgical representative, dr. Yasser Saad Eldin, organized a splendid social program. One of the highlights was the post-meeting trip to Alexandria with a visit to the modern version of its ancient library.



IPSO at Alexandria's Port

Minutes of the IPSO Business Meeting – Cairo, Egypt, Oct 9, 2003

18 IPSO members were present; Apologies: Ray Fitzgerald, Robert Carachi

Agenda

1. **Opening** at 13:30 PM
2. The President informed the membership that due to a communication problem, the AGM could not have been held at the allotted time at the start of the meeting, since the members were not informed. It will be tried to discuss all agenda points in half an hour.
3. **Election of the nominees for the Executive Council** (replacement of Robert Carachi). The nominees were introduced and a written ballot was performed. Alessandro Inserra (Italy) was elected (Inserra 12 votes, Ikeda 6).
4. **Report from the Treasurer**. The state of Finances was outlined by the Treasurer and accepted by the membership. The Treasurer urged the membership to pay their dues, and will contact non-payers on an individual basis to get their financial situation clear. Squire asked if the financial situation of IPSO now made sponsorships to attend the IPSO meeting possible. This will be evaluated by the Treasurer.
5. **Re-election of EC members** Daniel Aronson was re-elected a second term as secretary (3 years), and Jan Godzinsky was re-elected a second term as member of the EC (2 years).
6. **The selection process of the President Elect** was outlined by the President. Prior to the January newsletter the current President will invite the submission of nominees by the EC for the position of President-elect. If none are forthcoming the current President with advice from the active past presidents will provide at least one candidate. The name(s) of this(these) nominee(s) will be published in the January newsletter together with a call for nominees from the membership. Nominees for the position of President-elect coming from the membership must be submitted to the EC two months prior to the meeting. The EC will determine if all candidates are active members in good standing with the treasurer, and all candidates must have agreed to stand for election. The intents of this process is to be fully democratic and transparent.
7. **Election of the President Elect** – H el ene Martelli was elected ‘President-elect’ by acclamation and was congratulated by the President.
8. **Election of new Members**. The new Applicants for the IPSO membership (Marc HWA Wijnen, MD - NL, and Frans HJM van der Staak, MD - NL) were introduced by one of their sponsors Hugo Heij, and accepted as members by the membership.
9. **Recruitment of new IPSO members**. The importance to increase the IPSO membership was outlined by the President. Talks have been started with the EC of SIOP to discuss the option of either reduced fares for the SIOP meetings, or the option to register for two IPSO days only (limited registration) for IPSO members. This way it could become of more interest for someone to become an IPSO member. Other options were discussed by the AGM, like contacting potential members at oncology meetings, or at future meetings like APSA or EUPSA.
10. **Future Oncology Meetings**. Information and dates for two future meetings were given (IPSO/APSA 2004 - IPSO at EUPSA 2005). An Oncology course for trainees, as well as an oncology session for Pediatric Surgeons will be included in the EUPSA meetings.
11. **MPO becomes PBC** (Pediatric Blood and Cancer); future relations. There has been a meeting of IPSO with the new Editor of PBC, Dr. Arcecci. The visibility of IPSO as one of the participating associations (Logo) was guaranteed, and our worry of dilution of surgical oncology and solid tumors by the ‘fluid tumors’ and benign hematology was expressed and discussed. It was stressed that there will be surgeons on the Editorial Board. But most important of all, surgeons have to submit papers! Interest exists in good review articles.
12. **WFSOS: withdrawal of subscription**. The EC felt that we do not have a great deal in common with WFSOS. We do not derive anything useful from the subscription. We spend money that seems mostly spent on their glossy newsletter. The membership was informed by the decision by the EC to withdraw, there were no objections.
13. **Any other business**: no other business
14. **The Minutes of the IPSO meeting 2002 (Porto)** were accepted without change, and were signed off by the President.
15. The meeting was closed at 14:10 PM

From the Treasurer

You will receive your statement of payments, including the 2004 dues. Members are urged to pay within a short time period after its receipt. In case of financial problems you may contact the Treasurer or the Secretary. Much effort has been made to organize the system to pay the annual dues in such a way that it can be done with a minimal of discomfort to the members. The payment system has been automated, and payments can be done with all major credit cards. From now on there can be no excuse for non-payments any more! The membership has to realize that the payment of dues is a necessity for IPSO to remain a vital organization with financial strength.

Fund raising for the IPSO/SIOP meeting

The executive Board would like to ask all members to try and contribute to Fund raising for our annual meeting. You can contribute by contacting any (medical) Firm you regard as a potential donor that would be receptive to sponsorship. In case of a fruitful contact, please pass this information to either our Program Director (hadley@nu.ac.za), President (bbroecker@pol.net), or to the Secretary (d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl).

From the Secretary

Please check your name, (e-mail) address, phone/fax numbers, and/or position in the 2003 Membership Directory and forward any changes necessary to the Secretariat!

The following message has been forwarded to the secretariat by IPSO member Eric Borgstein, MD from Malawi:

Invitation to the 6th continental meeting of SIOP/PAPSA in Africa

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the shared meeting of SIOP-Africa and PAPSA at the Lakeshore, Malawi from May 3 – 5 2004. Previous SIOP meetings were held in Cape Town (1994), Cairo (1996), Rabat (1998), Johannesburg (2000) and Cote D'Ivoire (2002). PAPSA meets every other year, the last meeting was in Cairo 2002.

It is now our pleasure and pride to welcome you to Malawi – The Warm Heart of Africa. The main topics of our SIOP meeting are: malignant lymphomas, sarcomas, nephroblastoma and leukaemias. There will be oral presentations and poster sessions. Shared plenary sessions will be of interest to both paediatricians and surgeons. PAPSA Topics will focus on “Primary Paediatric Surgery” and also include sessions on intussusception in Africa (Supported by WHO). There will be workshops on supportive care, nursing and palliative care and we encourage our nursing colleagues to join us. Good cancer care is not easy in Africa and needs our united experience, enthusiasm and commitment. The challenge is care – but the prospect is cure. Come and join us! Info: E. Borgstein, MD (eborg@malawi.net)

News from the Program Committee

The programme for the IPSO meeting in Oslo is currently being developed. Members should remember that they are responsible for the quality of the meeting and we look forward to receiving your support once again through the submission of many abstracts of high quality. It is this contribution that guarantees the success of the meeting. Remember also that papers submitted for Poster Presentation are welcomed. As the Problem Case session has proved popular and useful it will be lengthened this year to

allow discussion of more cases, so please bring with you details of that difficult patient. Seminars have been

arranged on Neuroblastoma and Rhabdomyosarcoma in conjunction with Oncologists and other interested parties but Free Papers on any surgical topic will be welcomed. Tom Monclair has put together a superb social programme which, whilst it is acknowledged that for IPSO Members the Academic Programme, of course, is the greatest attraction, should prove an irresistible magnet for the socialites amongst us. Please join our meeting...

Larry Hadly, Program Director

Presidents Corner

Those who were able to join us in Cairo this past Fall were richly rewarded with an excellent meeting in an exotic and magnificent venue. We are again indebted to the program committee under the direction of Professor Hadley for putting together a stimulating program and to the participants who have taken the time, effort and expense to prepare and to share with us their work so that we may listen, discuss and learn from each other. We are looking forward to two excellent meetings in 2004, a joint meeting with APSA in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida in May and our annual meeting in Oslo in the September. Complete program information and registration details for the Spring meeting will be available on the APSA website (www.eapsa.org) by February or March 2004. The program for the first day joint IPSO/APSA session is included in this newsletter. For the Fall meeting Tom Monclair, our local surgical representative, has already been busy preparing for our visit. Further information and registration for this meeting will be handled by SIOP and Congrex as with prior meetings.

We have become a more financially solvent organization thanks to the effort of our past treasure, Michio Kaneko, our present treasurer, Jenny Walker and our new secretariate, Rosalinde Kennis We must continue to look for ways to build our membership and to democratically cultivate future leadership in our society. The Executive Committee met with the leadership of SIOP during the Cairo meeting to discuss the first of these issues as well as other issues of mutual interest The primary obligation, however, to grow our organization rests with each of us individually, the members of the society.

I look forward to seeing you later this year in Florida and Norway.

Bruce Broecker
President

IPSO-APSA Meeting

May 26 , 2004

Ponte Vedra Beach Sawgrass Marriott Resort
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

08:45-09:00 Welcome Dr. Bruce Broecker President, IPSO
Dr. Bradley Rodgers President, APSA
Dr. Michael Skinner APSA Cancer Control Committee

The “Unresectable” Tumor

09:00-10:30 Session 1 **Liver**
Moderators: Dietrich Von Schweinitz, Michael LaQuaglia

09:00-09:30 When is a liver tumor unresectable?

Unresectability due to the primary tumor
Frederic Gauthier
Unresectability due to metastatic disease
Rebeka Meyers

09:30-09:45 Discussion

09:45-10:15 Treatment of the unresectable liver tumor
Hepatic transplantation for liver tumors
Jean de Ville de Goyet

Novel strategies for the unresectable liver tumor
Max Langham

10:15-10:30 Discussion

10:30-11:00 Coffee

11:00-12:00 Free Papers

Moderators: Robert Shamberger, Hugo Heij

11:00-11:06 The Predictive Value of the PRETreatment EXTent (PRETEXT) of Disease Staging System in Hepatoblastoma
Aronson D, Schnater M, Staalman C, Weverling G, Plaschkes J, Perilongo G, Brown J, Phillips A, Otte J, Czauderna P, Mackinlay G

- Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 11:06-11:10 Discussion
- 11:10-11:13 3-Dimensional Visualization of Pediatric Tumors for Preoperative Planning of Surgical Resection
Szavay P, Kirschner H, Warmann S, Bourquain H, Peitgen H, Hennemuth A, Fuchs J, Tuebingen, Germany
- 11:13-11:15 Discussion
- 11:15-11:21 Resectability of Extended and Metastasised Hepatoblastoma after High-Dose Chemotherapy
von Schewenitz D, Haeberle B, Bode U Munich, Germany
- 11:21-11:25 Discussion
- 11:25-11:31 Hepatic Metastasectomy in Children
Su W, Gholizadeh M, Lal D, LaQuaglia M
New York, New York, USA
- 11:31-11:35 Discussion
- 11:35-11:41 Gene Expression Analysis of Hepatoblastoma Using cDNA Microarrays
Liniger P, Benit-Deekman J, Zwijnenburg D, Moerland P, Aronson D, Baas F, Kool M. Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 11:41-11:45 Discussion
- 11:45-11:51 Morbidity of Surgery and Outcome in Children with Large Pretreated Nephroblastoma
Hadley L, Govender D, Landers G. Durban, South Africa
- 11:51-11:55 Discussion
- 11:55-11:58 Tumors in the Drash and Frasier Syndromes
Sarnacki S, Auber F, Jaubert F, Sauvat F, Jeanpierre C, Nihoul-Fekete C
Paris, France
- 11:58-12:00 Discussion

12:00-13:30 LUNCH

The “Unresectable” Tumor

- 13:30-15:00 Session 2 **Non Rhabdo Soft Tissue Sarcoma**
Moderators: Bhaskar Rao, Gene Weiner
- 13:30-14:00 Management of the primary tumor
Extremity tumors
Giovanni Cecchetto
Visceral tumors

- Charles Paidas
- 14:00-14:15 Discussion
- 14:15-14:45 Management of metastatic disease
 Nodal metastasis
 Richard Andrassy
 Visceral metastasis
 Helene Martelli
- 14:45-15:00 Discussion
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee
- 15:30-16:30 Free Papers
 Moderators: Larry Hadley, Michael Skinner
- 15:30-15:36 Intra-operative Tissue Examination (IOE): Its Role in Pediatric Pathology
Dall'Igna P, Alaggio R, Famengo B, Cecchetto G. Padua, Italy
- 15:36-15:40 Discussion
- 15:40-15:46 Surgical Management of Lipoblastoma
Smith S, McVay M, Keller J, Jackson R, Wagner C. Little Rock, Arkansas, USA
- 15:46-15:50 Discussion
- 15:50-15:53 Outcome after Re-operations for Recurrent Pulmonary Metastasis in Children
Heij H. Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 15:53-15:55 Discussion
- 15:55-16:01 Sentinel Node Biopsy for Melanoma and other Melanotic Skin Lesions in Children
Partrick D, Roaten J, McCarter M, Karrer F, Pearlman N, Gonzalez R, Gonzalez R
 Denver, Colorado, USA
- 16:01-16:05 Discussion
- 16:05-16:08 Long-term Physical, Psychosocial and Sexual Functioning after Treatment for
 Urogenital Rhabdomyosarcoma
Heij H, Hatzmann J, van Lunsen R, Grootenhuis M, Last B. Amsterdam, The
 Netherlands
- 16:08-16:10 Discussion
- 16:10-16:16 Chromograffin A in Neuroblastoma: Correlation To Stage and Prognostic Factors
Skoldenberg E, Stridsberg M, Jakobson A, Hedborg F, Kogner P, Christofferson R
 Uppsala, Sweden
- 16:16-16:20 Discussion
- 16:20-16:26 Histone Deacetylase Inhibitors Down-regulate N-MYC and Decrease
 Neuroblastoma Growth
Chung D, Kang J, Kim S, Qiao J, Evers M. Galveston, TX, USA
- 16:26-16:30 Discussion

- 16:30-17:00 Poster Session (Poster available for viewing from 9:00 AM- 4:30 PM)
Moderators: Dan Aronson, Jerry Haase
- 16:30-16:32 Extrapleural Pneumonectomy in Children
LaQuaglia M, et.al. New York, New York, USA
- 16:32-16:35 Discussion
- 16:35-16:37 Abdominal Lymphoma in Egyptian Children: A Study of Survival in 121 Cases
El-Din S, et.al., Alexandria, Egypt
- 16:37-16:40 Discussion
- 16:40-16:42 Decreased E-cadherin Expression Correlated with Higher Stage of Wilms' Tumor
Safford S, et.al., Durham, NC, USA
- 16:42-16:45 Discussion
- 16:45-16:47 The DNA Replication Fidelity of Human Neuroblastoma: A Source of Genetic Instability?
Malkas L, et.al., Indianapolis, IN, USA
- 16:47-16:50 Discussion
- 16:50-16:52 Novel Methods for Laparoscopic Oophorectomy that Preserve Oncologic Principles
Carney D, et.al., Indianapolis, IN, USA
- 16:52-16:55 Discussion
- 16:55-16:57 GIST: A Rare Tumor with a Novel Therapy
Moriarty K, et.al., Springfield, Mass., USA
- 16:57-17:00 Discussion
- 17:00-17:02 Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma with Biliary Involvement
LaQuaglia M, et.al., New York, New York, USA
- 17:02-17:05 Discussion
- 17:05-17:07 Hodgkins Disease Presenting as a Cystic Mediastinal Mass
Flageole H, et.al., Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 17:07-17:10 Discussion
- 17:10-17:12 The Amount of Removed Renal Mass Affects Renal Function in Children with Unilateral Renal Tumors
Cozzi F, et.al., Rome, Italy
- 17:12-17:15 Discussion

Adjournment