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## IPSO Newsletter January 2005

### IPSO/SIOP Meeting 2004 in Oslo, Norway

The recent IPSO meeting in Oslo, Norway has been a great success, with a greater attendance ever. Between 150 and 400 international (surgical) oncologists from all over the five continents were present at the IPSO sessions. Again, Larry Hadley our Program Director had composed an attractive program with many invited speakers.

Many papers of interest were presented, and overviews of all major running international oncology studies were outlined by experts in the field. Interesting symposia had been organized, like an overview of surgical treatment options for bone tumors of the extremities. Again there was an (inter)active participation of the IPSO membership.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Wright Medical IPSO Best Paper Award as sponsored by WMT was issued. This year's winner of the Best Paper Award was dr. M.M. van den Heuvel-Eibrink from the Netherlands, with her paper 'Characteristics and Survival of Children with a Renal Tumor in Infancy (0-6 months), a Collaborative Study of the SIOP, NWTS, and UK-CCSG'. The membership of IPSO has been very enthusiastic about this Award that highlights the meeting. The Executive Board has therefore ensured the Award for the 2005 and 2006 meetings!

Our warm thanks go to Tom Monclair, the local organizing IPSO Surgeon, who made the meeting run smoothly. He did a terrific job organizing a cozy social event that took place in one of Oslo's harbor restaurants with splendid food and good company amidst IPSO friends. The meeting was concluded with a tour in the Rikshospitalet guided by the architect. An impressive building in harmony with the surrounding nature and sunlight, and filled with surprising art and humanity.

### Minutes of the IPSO Business Meeting – Oslo, Norway, Sept. 16, 2004

32 IPSO members were present; Apologies: Piotr Czauderna, Gerald Haase

#### Agenda

1. **Opening** at 4:05 PM
2. **Report from the President** No issues
3. **Report from the Treasurer** No financial balance was available. The bank account presently contains Euro 12.000. Hadley: an overview of the

financial situation should be available. The treasurer will make sure next year this will be so. Fitzgerald: Should the IPSO money be invested or is it stored on an interest bearing account? The treasurer will look into it, and will report.

4. **Exposure of non paying members** The treasurer urged the membership to pay their dues. This has been an ongoing problem, although the situation has improved the past years. The EC decided to expose a name list of members with outstanding fees for two or more years (54 of 121 members!). Members were asked to inform their colleagues not present who are on that list. In case of persistent non-payment, the membership of those members will be terminated.
5. **Re-election of EC members (all have agreed to stand)** Larry Hadley, Program Director – second term (3 years), Giovanni Cecchetto, member – second term (2 years), Pjotr Czauderna, member – second term (2 years), and Gerald Haase, member – second term (2 years) were all re-elected unanimously.
6. **Nominees for the Executive Council 2005** (1 replacement) The membership was informed about the upcoming EC vacancy. Names of nominees can be sent to the secretary, but they must have agreed to stand..
7. **Election of new Members** All new Applicants: Holger Till, Germany (sponsors: Walker/Broecker); Frederik M. Karrer, USA (sponsors: Haase/Broecker); Saleem Islam, USA (sponsors: Rao/Hadley); Silvia Madafferi, Italy (sponsors: Boglino/Inserra); Joerg Fuchs, Germany (sponsors: von Schweinitz/Aronson); Tadashi Iwanaka, Japan (sponsors: Hashizume/Kaneko); Sandeep Agarwala, India (sponsors: Gupta/Aronson); Robertine van Baren, Netherlands (sponsors: van der Staak/Aronson); Bruce Okoye (sponsors: Holmes/Broecker), were accepted as Member of IPSO.
8. **Recruitment of new IPSO members** The President encouraged the Members to increase the Membership. Suggest your residents, fellows, and colleagues to become a member of IPSO!
9. **Future Oncology Meetings: IPSO at EUPSA 2005** In 2005 (Gdansk) and 2006 (Maastricht), IPSO will organize a pre-meeting Oncology Educational Course for Pediatric Surgical trainees and Junior Pediatric Surgeons at the EUPSA meeting. IPSO also offered EUPSA help to organize/select abstracts for the oncology free paper session in the EUPSA program. A letter will be sent to EUPSA to clearly define (financial) responsibilities of IPSO in regard to the Oncological Training Course (so far there are no obligations). These definitions should be in the minutes of both Societies.
10. **Program Director: IPSO 2005 at Vancouver** The SIOP meeting in Vancouver will be from Sept 21-24, 2005. The IPSO meeting will be on the first two days of SIOP (= Sept 21+22). For the future, the IPSO representative at the SIOP Scientific Committee will always express our preference to have the first IPSO meeting day on the day prior to the SIOP meeting. Sometimes, however, this will not be possible for financial reasons. The local Pediatric Surgeon will be Jeff Baired (non IPSO Member)
11. **IPSO/APSA meeting – report and future plans** The second IPSO/APSA meeting was felt to have been very successful, as was also shown by the evaluation (by questionnaires and verbal info). It had been structured the same way as the first meeting, with a 50-50% representation of the speakers. The combined meeting in 2000 was paid by APSA. In 2004, IPSO had to pay audiovisual costs and beverages (USD 3.960). This was felt not right by IPSO, and has been discussed with the APSA Board of Governors (Rogers/Shamberger). Subsequently, a letter has been sent to Brad Rogers, President of APSA, which still has to be answered. It should be settled for the future that this combined effort should be defined as a combined IPSO/APSA educational effort to supply a good oncology day/session on the APSA *program*. It should not be regarded as an IPSO meeting, since all revenues go to APSA, and IPSO can not afford this financial obligation. Questions of the finances, and who picks the abstracts, etcetera, should be solved before the next combined meeting in 2008. Broecker was appointed as Liaison Officer (the American connection), to ensure the continuity of these appointments and contacts, since in four years, both IPSO and APSA's present officers will have ended their terms.
12. **PBC (Pediatric Blood and Cancer); subscriptions, future relations** The IPSO EC met with Bob Arceci, who seems as supportive of IPSO as Dan D'Angio has always been. The Editorial Board membership of IPSO is still evolving. So far, Broecker, Aronson, and Tsuchida have been invited to become members of the Editorial Board. IPSO suggested Martelli, Rao, and von Schweinitz to also be invited as Editorial Board members. The double PBC subscription problem of members of both SIOP and IPSO has been discussed, and will be discussed (and hopefully solved) with the publisher. The input of Surgical Papers in PBC has been satisfying the past year. Especially input of review articles is encouraged.
13. **The new IPSO President** Helene Martelli was introduced and welcomed by the President who initiated a 'Presidential Chain of Honour' to be worn, and given from President to President. He thanked the Membership for the honor and privilege to have been their 6th IPSO President.
14. **Any other business** None

15. Minutes IPSO meeting 2003 (Cairo) were accepted by the Membership, and signed of by the President.
16. Adjournment at 5:00PM

### From the Treasurer

Since no the Financial Report was not available at the Business Meeting in Oslo, the Treasurer was asked to give the Financial Overview through the January Newsletter. We still have to urge the membership to pay their dues in time.

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT IPSO</b>			
<b>OVERVIEW INCOME AND EXPENSES</b>			
<b>SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2004</b>			
	<b>2003/2004</b>		
	<b>Euro-IN</b>	<b>Euro-OUT</b>	
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
MEMBERSHIP FEES	5.956		
INTEREST INCOME	22		
SPONSOR MONEY	775		
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
SECRETARIAT			
- MANAGEMENT COSTS		1.225	
- OFFICE RUNNING COSTS		390	
MEETINGS (APSA costs)		3.490	
PRIZES		800	
	6.753	5.905	
INCOME (IN) MINUS EXPENSES (OUT)			
SHOWS A BALANCE OF		<b>848</b>	

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT IPSO</b>			
<b><u>BALANCE</u></b>			
	<b>September 1, 2004</b>		
	Debit	Credit	
	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Euro</b>	
<b><u>Money to be received</u></b>			
Sponsor money	775		
Membership fees	414		
Total included in income book year	<u>1.189</u>		
<b><u>Money to be paid</u></b>			
SIOP Management costs		775	
Costs meeting		3.263	
Award		300	
Total included in expenses book year		<u>4.338</u>	
<b><u>Bank accounts</u></b>			
Current account	2.917		
	<u>2.917</u>		
<b><u>Capital</u></b>		-232	
<b>Total</b>	<u>4.106</u>	<u>4.106</u>	

### **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](mailto:hadley@nu.ac.za)), President ([helene.martelli@bct.ap-hop-paris.fr](mailto:helene.martelli@bct.ap-hop-paris.fr)), or to the Secretary ([d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl](mailto:d.c.aronson@amc.uva.nl)).

## **From the Secretary**

At the BM in Vancouver, members will vote for a new President. For the post of President-elect, the EB proposes *Richard Spicer* from UK as nominee, who has agreed to stand.

At its meeting in Cairo, the Executive Board has formalized the process of nominating a President-Elect of IPSO. The process specified that a nominating committee composed of the current President and active Past Presidents would submit one (or more) names to the Executive Committee for approval. The eventual nomination would be published in the winter newsletter (early 2005) so that if IPSO members in good standing (dues paid) wished to nominate a candidate they would have the opportunity before the fall elections in Vancouver. All candidates must of course be willing to stand for election and serve as president. In the past there has always been a single nomination and election has been by acclamation. Although it has been discussed whether at least two candidates should be appointed by the EB, the majority favored a single nominee. We are a small society and if there is an election between two, one will lose and feelings may get hurt, and participation in the Society may decline. Also the voting is only by those who are at the meeting which may not be a quorum and not truly democratic. Any sort of mail ballot that could serve as an alternative is too complicated and costly and time consuming.

As you noticed, the new 2005 Membership Directory accompanies this newsletter. Please check your name, (e-mail) address, phone/fax numbers, and/or position, and please forward any changes to the Secretariat!

## **News from the Program Committee**

### Programme in Vancouver

Vancouver in September should be a wonderful place to be. IPSO will honour its founding father Jack Plaschkes in a special academic session on liver tumours. This will reflect not only Jack's seminal role in the establishment of IPSO but also his abiding interest in, and significant contributions to, the management of children with liver tumours.

There will be multidisciplinary symposia on Endocrine tumours with eminent contributors from Europe and America as well as those "Borderline" tumours that are part of the nightmares of most paediatric surgeons.

Of course there will be contributions of the traditionally high standard from the membership that will form the heart of the meeting.

I would urge you all to bring presentations of difficult patient management problems, either solved or unsolved, for discussion by the floor. We will allow as much time as possible for what has become a very popular session. Again this year our MC's will be Dan Aronson (**Dan, don't even think of claiming that you're too busy!!!**) and Bruce Broecker.

By the time this newsletter reaches you I suspect it will be too late to remind you to include hard data in your submitted abstracts in order to attain a high score. It is not too late however to remind you that the review process is totally objective and anonymous and that your Programme Director should not be held responsible for any disappointments or lauded for any success that you might experience. Perhaps most importantly Vancouver is a beautiful city in which to experience the camaraderie that defines IPSO. There will be new members with new skills and interests, there will be old friends. There will be much to enjoy.

Larry Hadley  
Program Director

## **Presidents Corner**

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is a great honour for me to write to you for the first time as the president of IPSO.

Our Society is now representing the voice of Paediatric Surgical Oncology from 35 different countries all over the world with more than 140 members. I hope that we will continue to grow and once again, I encourage each of the present members to recruit their colleagues in their own country and fully participate to the organization by attending annual meetings, presenting clinical or research papers and debating actively. This will be the only way for our organization to represent Surgical Oncology among our colleagues in an unquestionable manner.

The year 2004 was very busy with 2 meetings, the second IPSO-APSA meeting, which took place in Florida in May and the annual meeting with SIOP in the Fall in Oslo. Many thanks again to our past-president Bruce Broecker who was very involved in this IPSO-APSA meeting. We hope that we will find an agreement with the APSA Board of Governors in order to organize a third joint meeting in 2008. Our annual meeting in Oslo was a great success, with the perfect organisation of our colleagues Tom Monclair as local organiser, Larry Hadley as program director and other members of the Executive committee along with the SIOP organizing committees.

This year, for the first time, IPSO will organize an educational course at the European Pediatric Surgeons Association (EUPSA) meeting in Gdansk. This course is also scheduled for the 2006 EUPSA meeting in Maastricht. I hope that the presence of IPSO will incite some of our European colleagues to join our Society.

Finally, I invite all members to contact me with concerns, new ideas and offers of help. I will try to represent you and our organization as best as possible under all circumstances.

Helene Martelli  
President of IPSO

# **APPLICATION for IPSO membership**

(please print)

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