

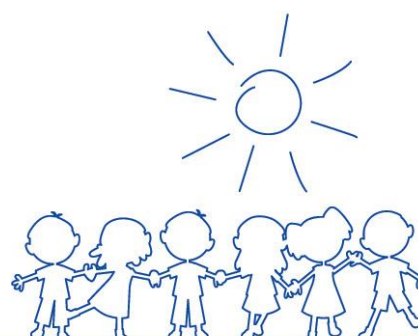
News@ SIOP – Nursing Group – August 2016

The SIOP Nursing Group is once again grateful for the opportunity to promote the My Child Matters (MCM) Awards sponsored by Sanofi Espoir. This year marks the second time that the award program has been offered, with a goal to improve the care of children with cancer in resource-limited settings. We once again received a large number of applications and 10 projects will be funded at €5000 each. Again a geographically diverse group of nurses received funding, representing Asia, Latin America, and Africa. This year in Dublin we look forward to hearing some of the progress of the first awardees of the 2015 MCM program and to announcing the 2016 awardees.

The PODC Working within SIOP Nursing have particularly active this year. The group's co-chairs, Linda Abramovitz and Rehana Punjwani, report that there has been a 50% increase in membership of PODC Nursing Working Group since the Congress in Cape Town. Their work focuses on networking and collaboration, with several Project Groups (see below). The group meets monthly via teleconference for a business meeting, often with an educational presentation. The presentation topics have included: abandonment of care, supportive care in low and middle income countries, writing abstracts/developing posters/presentations, and challenges in Infection control and prevention in low and middle income countries (LMIC). Looking forward, there will be a joint quarterly educational session with the Supportive Care Working Group within PODC.

Active PODC Nursing Projects Groups include:

- [Baseline Nursing Standard Group](#) – Developed and validated a survey which is now in the implementation phase to determine which countries have nursing care consistent with the Baseline Standards for Pediatric Oncology Nursing. Baseline Nursing Standards are currently being endorsed in the global community.
- Nurse Mentor Group - Developed a list of mentors for abstract writing and My Child Matter Grants – which is completed and posted.
- Nursing Education and Training Repository - Collaborated with PODC Education and Training Working Group to determine where and how training documents can be posted and shared.
- Pediatric Oncology Nurse Recognition Day was September 8th. Nurses and their colleagues shared a poster available in multiple languages to celebrate the day. The group is working to update the poster for the 2016 date.
- Infection Control Interest Group. More details will follow soon on this group.
- Membership Directory – The group is in process of developing this resource which will include members' expertise and interests, twinning relationships, collaborations and recent presentations and publications.
- Research – The group is in the process of formation to look at potential research projects globally that pertain to PODC Nursing.



Three SIOP nursing leaders, Linda Abramovitz, Christina Baggott, and Rehana Punjwani travelled to Moscow to present several lectures on pediatric oncology nursing care and to exchange practice ideas with the Russian nurse attendees at the SIOP Asia Congress. The nurses were supported by a phenomenal team of interpreters who conducted simultaneous translation to allow for great dialog among the group. This was the first opportunity for many of the Russian nurses to meet and establish future collaborations. Some photos from the event are included here.

