

News@SIOP - Pediatric Psycho-Oncology (PPO) – August 2016

Since 2007, the SIOP-PPO group has been an active and visible committee at the Congress meetings having organized multiple educational days, free paper sessions and symposia that have been very well received. For SIOP 2016 the educational day will have sessions on several topics including: family reactions to diagnosis and treatment; the impact of sleep on both neuropsychological and emotional functioning, and novel psychosocial interventions for patients and families. Additionally, a symposium about the recently published twelve (12) Psychosocial Standards of Care is scheduled during the SIOP Meeting, and Keynote speaker Dr. Sean Phipps will also present on patient and family coping.

Major changes to the SIOP-PPO educational program planning now include developing and implementing an annual educational meeting instead of the previous bi-annual schedule. Consequently, the abstract submission process has also been changed as all abstracts are submitted to the SIOP and the subsequent selection for the educational day and free papers session on the SIOP meeting are made by the reviewers.

Dr. Andrea Patenaude is active in achieving a Memorandum of Understanding between IPOS and SIOP which we anticipate will encourage mutually beneficial scientific interaction between Dublin meeting members from both groups, as well as to promote future interaction and support between these groups with similar research and clinical goals.

We think participation of new members in both the SPACC as well the SIOP-PPO committee is important. We would like to therefore extend the size of our committee and will be sending out invitations to colleagues before the SIOP meeting. To that end, we propose to have a committee meeting during the SIOP Congress to welcome new members.

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