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**No child should die of cancer**

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



It is my pleasure to share the milestones we have reached, goals we have achieved, and progress we have made throughout the past year. This 2018 Annual Report was prepared with our utmost gratitude for your support of our cause and for your efforts, all of which have helped make this an exciting and successful year.

After many years of preparation, planning, collaboration and the tireless efforts of the SIOP Global Advocacy Committee under the leadership of Dr Gabriele Calaminus, we announce with great excitement that the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) is now in official relations with the WHO as a non-state actor.

The application and three-year work plan (2018 – 2020) were approved during the recent 142nd session of the WHO Executive Board held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 22–27 January 2018 and this new mandate provides SIOP with unique opportunities, privileges and responsibilities. SIOP will have a presence at WHO meetings and collaborate within the rich network of WHO partners.

As official non-state actor with WHO, SIOP is also one of the major stakeholders in the just recently launched WHO “Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer” with the aim of reaching at least a 60% survival rate for children with cancer by 2030, thereby saving an additional one million lives. This new target represents a doubling of the global cure rate for children with cancer.

2018 also marked a special anniversary for our community. Here we finally are - the 50th annual meeting of our Society! One wonders whether the 15 founding members of our Society ever imagined reaching such a milestone on their very first general assembly, on November 6, 1969. We have been through so many changes and turns since that day... The initial 15 members have now grown to over 1,600. Due to the phenomenal amount of work required to host thousands of delegates, our meeting times and venues are decided three years in advance, and our attendance keeps growing.

One thing, however, remains the same: the spirit of SIOP. Our annual meetings create unique opportunities to meet friends and colleagues, both new ...and not so new. Witnessing these interactions - hugs among old friends, smiles swapped across rooms as year old acquaintances spot each other again - this is my favorite part, year after year. Looking ahead to 2019, we will open elections for a Treasurer Elect, Scientific Committee Chair, Scientific Committee and Nurse Steering Committee members.

We are also looking forward to our 2019 Annual Meeting which will be held in Lyon, France. I have no doubt that this congress will be a scientific and educational success. Furthermore, preparations have started for the 13<sup>th</sup> SIOP Africa Meeting in Cairo (March 3 – 6, 2019), the 12<sup>th</sup> SIOP Asia Meeting in Abu Dhabi (April 3 -6, 2019) and the first SIOP Europe Annual Meeting to be held in Prague (May 23 – 25, 2019).

All of this is to say that we are proud of how far we have come and enthusiastic to see what the future holds for us. I would like to reiterate my gratitude to you, colleagues, partners, members, and supporters, for the value that you bring to our work. You are truly the driving force behind our success.

Sincerely,

**Eric Bouffet** (President)



## Vision, Mission and Strategic Priorities

The Société Internationale d'Oncologie Pédiatrique/International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) was formed on November 6, 1969, as a small group of specialists at the Institut Gustave-Roussy (IGR) in Villejuif, Paris, who's mission it was to advance the study and care of children with cancer, a basic mission that continues to this day.

These aims have expanded to embrace the advancement of basic research as well as clinical studies, the inclusion of nurses, other health professionals and parents, and the organization of teaching and outreach programs to better the lot of children in underdeveloped nations and societies.

By today, SIOP has transformed itself into a truly global, multifaceted organization and is the only global multidisciplinary society entirely devoted to paediatric and adolescent cancer. The society has over 1600 members worldwide including doctors, nurses, other health-care professionals, scientists and researchers. Our members are dedicated to increasing knowledge about all aspects of childhood cancer.

### Vision

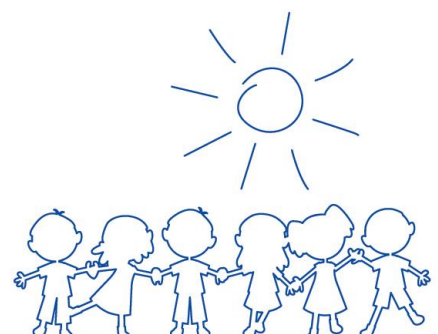
No child should die of cancer and that cure can be achieved with no or minimal late effects.

### Mission

- By advocating globally on behalf of patients and families to ensure that every child and adolescent with cancer has access to state of the art diagnosis, treatment and care
- By providing training opportunities for all childhood and adolescent cancer care providers worldwide on the latest clinical and scientific advances through meetings, networking, and educational outreach for continuing professional development
- By promoting and advancing basic, clinical, and other research, and by supporting collaborative opportunities and translating scientific discovery to improve the outcomes for children and adolescents with cancer
- By supporting those caring for children and adolescents with cancer and to provide them with the best curative and palliative therapies
- By advocating appropriate long-term follow-up for survivors

### Objectives & Goals

- To advocate globally for children with cancer and their families
- To promote the participation of young professionals in SIOP activities and to encourage them to become members
- To improve SIOP's visibility and to improve internal and external communications
- To focus attention on future research needs in paediatric oncology
- To explore possible partnerships with sister societies sharing the same mission and vision, and elaborating a common agenda
- To increase the SIOP membership to have a vibrant society which understands and fulfils the needs of its members



## Awareness and Advocacy: One Voice for Childhood Cancer

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*SIOP Advocacy Landmark Event I 68th World Health Assembly, 18 May 2015  
(from left to right: Fritz Pleitgen, Gabriele Calaminus, Giorgio Perilongo and Ralf Herold)*

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As a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), SIOP has committed to contribute substantially to WHO activities according to the agreed and accepted working plan by:

- Providing technical inputs on follow-up of regional/national workshops, local stakeholders workplans, and advocacy;
- Supporting programmes that address competencies for childhood cancer control by disseminating WHO guidance and using the robust SIOP network;
- Conducting advocacy activities to improve access to essential medicines and medical technologies, by performing a situational analysis, identifying barriers and supporting implementation of programmes in select countries;

SIOP is now a step further in placing the fight **against Childhood and Adolescent Cancer** on the Global Agenda and **making a difference** in the lives of children with cancer and their families worldwide.

The SIOP Global Advocacy Committee **thanks the SIOP community and all partners** for their continuous support during the application process.

We look forward to using this opportunity to expand our work together to improve the global situation for children with cancer.





## International Childhood Cancer Day



### The time is now. There can be no more “but.”

International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) is celebrated around the world each year on February 15th. Originally commemorated in 2002, ICCD is a day founded by Childhood Cancer International (CCI), a global network of 188-member organizations in 96 countries. Childhood Cancer International is committed to advancing cures, transforming care, and instilling hope for all children and adolescents diagnosed with cancer in the world, wherever they may live. Established in 1969, the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP), with over 1500 healthcare professional members, is the lead organization concerned with the issues of treating children and young people who have cancer. SIOP is committed to improve childhood cancer care globally through education, supporting and improving clinical and basic research and advocating for childhood cancer on a global level. Both societies share a long and fruitful synergistic cooperation.

Childhood Cancer International and SIOP are not alone in recognizing the devastating impact of childhood cancer on children and families around the globe. In September 2011, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly issued a Political Declaration recognizing four major Non-Communicable Diseases/NCDs (cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and chronic respiratory disease) as the greatest killers of adults and children.

Sadly, childhood cancer continues to be the leading cause of non-communicable related death in children throughout the world. Globally, more than 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year. Approximately 80 percent of our world's children with cancer live in low-middle-income countries (LMICs) where more than 80 percent of these children die of their disease. In developed countries like the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Japan and others, more than 80 percent of children survive cancer with hope to live productive and meaningful lives.

On December 13, 2017 a new report from WHO and the World bank revealed that approximately half of the world's population, including children, do not have access to essential health services and that 800 million people spend at minimum 10 percent of their household income on health-related care.

Childhood cancers are often curable but too many children and adolescents have no hope to overcome their disease simply because they were born in a country entrenched in poverty resulting in late diagnosis, lack of access to life-saving essential medicines and appropriate treatment. As childhood cancer organizations, we know only too well that the associated cost to treat a child with cancer can be a burden that too many families simply can't overcome. We support the need for universal access to essential medicines and healthcare for all children in the world diagnosed with cancer. In order for this to happen, CCI and SIOP agree that making childhood cancer a national and global child health priority is a critical first step towards increasing access to treatment and reducing childhood cancer mortality.

All children in the world deserve hope for a cure - no matter where they live - not more excuses. We can no longer sweep this issue “under the rug.” Children are the future of our



country and our world. Their vitality is the heartbeat of our world, a shared passion that can unite us because our future as a global community depends on it.

On International Childhood Cancer Day, all members of Childhood Cancer International and SIOP stand united to make childhood cancer a national and global child health priority to ensure there are adequate resources to meet the basic rights of children with cancer. We believe those basic rights for all children diagnosed with cancer include:

- The right to early and proper diagnosis;
- The right to access life-saving essential medicines;
- The right to appropriate and quality medical treatments, and;
- The right to have access to sufficient palliative care;
- The right to follow up care, services and sustainable livelihood opportunities for survivors.

There can be no more 'but.' United together towards a shared vision we can advance cures, transform care, and instil hope. Together we must take action to reduce child cancer mortality.

Join Our Social Media Movement: #NoMoreBut, #AdvanceCures4cancerkids, #TransformCare4cancerkids, #InstillHope4cancerkids & visit our website [www.internationalchildhoodcancerday.org](http://www.internationalchildhoodcancerday.org) and see how you can get involved!

**Ruth Hoffman, MPH**  
CCI President

**Dr Gabriele Calaminus**  
SIOP Head, Global Advocacy



## WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative

Ensuring a Right to Cure: Global Initiative in Childhood Cancer

SIOP, the only global multidisciplinary society entirely devoted to paediatric and adolescent cancer, represented by Dr Eric Bouffet (SIOP President) at this high-level meeting provided its overwhelming support for the **World Health Organization's (WHO) announcement of its new global initiative to bridge gaps in care and cure, and advance outcomes for children with cancer from low-middle versus high-income countries.**



The announcement came at the **United Nations (UN) General Assembly's side-meeting on childhood cancer on September 28, 2018** which was organized by the Missions of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, El Salvador, the Republic of Moldova, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Philippines and the Russian Federation.

The **WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer** partners with national and

international stakeholders including SIOP and CCI (Childhood Cancer International) **to provide leadership and technical assistance to support governments in building and sustaining high-quality childhood cancer programs.**

The target goal of the WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative is **to achieve at least 60% survival for all children with cancer by 2030.** This represents an approximate doubling of the current cure rate and will save an additional one million children's lives over the next decade.

The objectives are to:

- Increase political commitment and capacity of countries to deliver best practices in childhood cancer diagnosis and treatment;
- Support governments to develop high-quality cancer centers as well as develop standards and tools to guide the planning and implementation of interventions for early diagnosis, treatment and palliative and survivorship care inclusive of the needs of childhood cancers;
- Improve access to affordable essential child cancer medicines and technologies;
- Support governments to safeguard families of children with cancer from social isolation and financial ruin as a result of cancer care;
- Prioritize cancer as a child health priority and increase available funding at the national and global levels.

This initiative **is founded on the World Health Assembly's resolution on Cancer Prevention and Control** through an Integrated Approach (WHA70.12), which urges governments and WHO to accelerate action to achieve the targets specified in the **Global Action Plan and 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development to reduce premature mortality from cancer.**

[WHA70.12: Cancer prevention and control in the context of an integrated approach](#)

**Actions to increase childhood cancer survival today represent effective and tangible steps as part of the broader fight against non-communicable diseases** and steps that will catalyze global efforts to transform childhood cancer outcomes worldwide and ultimately save many more lives of children, now and for years to come.





## Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



September 8 is Paediatric Oncology Nurses Day and September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month!

*Join us in acknowledging nurses around the world who care for children and adolescents with cancer.*

We are pleased to present our 2018 Paediatric Oncology Nurses Day celebration posters for download.

[2018 Nurse Poster ENGLISH](#)

[2018 Nurse Poster FRENCH](#)

[2018 Nurse Poster BURMESE](#)

[2018 Nurse Poster ARABIC](#)

[2018 Nurse Poster SPANISH](#)

We hope you will support the wonderful work done by paediatric oncology nurses around the world and hang up one of these posters in your unit/hospital/organization.

Thanks for your help in honoring these dedicated professionals!

**With our thanks and good wishes:**

Lisa Morrissey and Rehana Punjwani, Co-Chairs [SIOP PODC Nursing Working Group](#)

Glenn Mbah, Member SIOP PODC Nursing Working Group



## Education, Professional Development, and Research

### 50<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology

#### Kyoto, Japan November 16 – 19, 2018



Our annual meeting promotes education about all aspects of Paediatric & Adolescent Oncology to all oncology professionals, parents and survivors of cancer.

Our congress represents a unique opportunity to stay up to date in this rapidly moving field and to bring the latest science to bedside.

With attendance of over 2000 multi-disciplinary health care professionals from over 100 , the meeting encourages networking among our membership and delegates and to promote collaborative research, mentor young investigators and offer education opportunities globally.



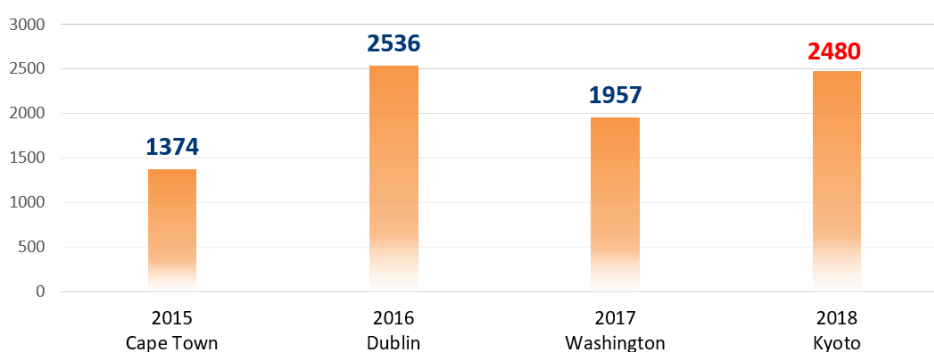
A couple of years ago, when Dr. Nakawara mentioned to the board that he might be able to organise a special Keynote lecture with Dr. Ohsumi, 2016 Nobel Prize winner in Physiology or Medicine, he also mentioned possibly inviting Dr. Honjo for a keynote lecture on immunotherapy. As many of you know, Dr. Honjo has been awarded the 2018 Nobel prize in Physiology or Medicine this September. This means that we will have the unique privilege of having two Nobel Price recipients giving two outstanding lectures during the week.

*“BEAT CANCER WITH THE TREMENDOUS JAPANESE ENERGY”*

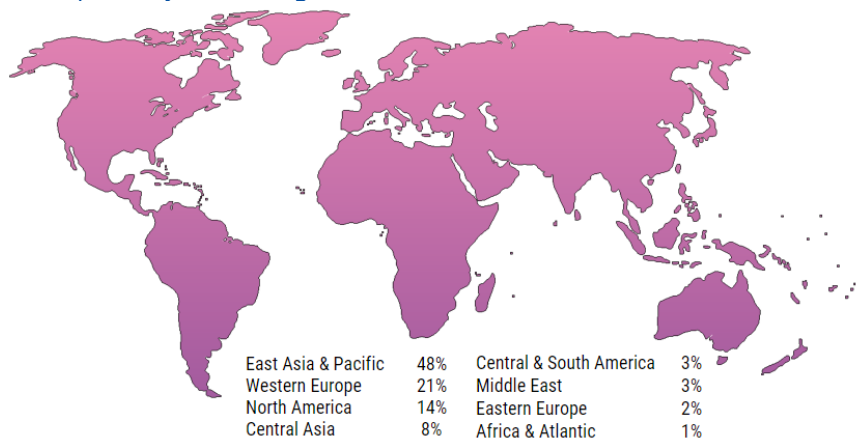
We are truly grateful to Dr. Nakagawara and his team for offering us these incredible opportunities to hear and meet Dr. Oshumi and Dr. Honjo. And to those hoping to forever capture such a moment (#selfie?), no worries, there will be a meet and greet session with each of the Nobel price winners.

But of course, the SIOP meeting will not be limited to these lectures. Steve Hunger and the scientific committee have also put together an amazing program to suit everyone's curiosity. Over 100 different sessions will include free papers sessions, exciting symposia, meet the expert sessions for the early birds... And of course, a great social program!

#### Number of Delegates 2018



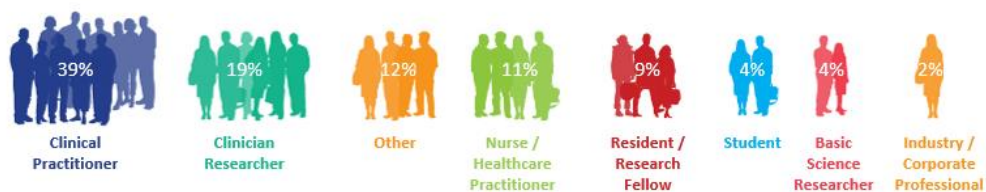
## Participants by World Region



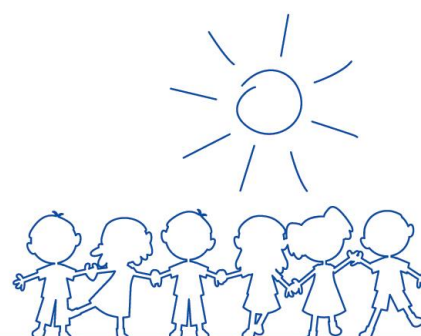
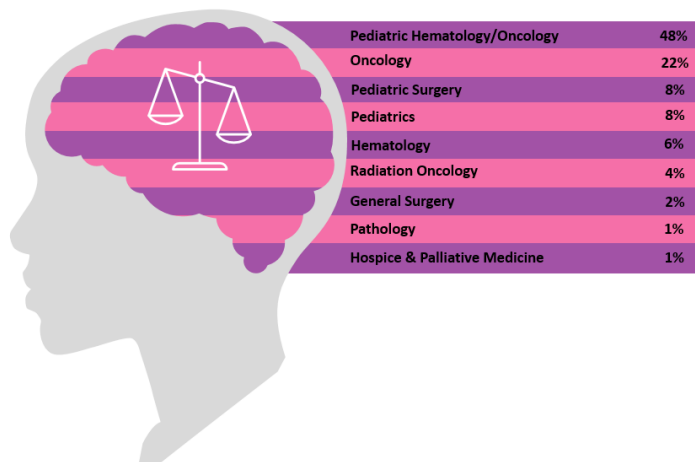
## Top 10 Countries



## Participants by Professional Role

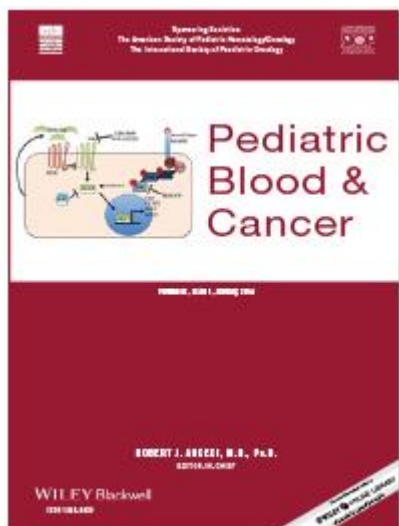


## Participants by Professional Interest



## Pediatric Blood and Cancer (PBC)

*Pediatric Blood & Cancer (PBC)*, published monthly by Wiley-Blackwell, is the official journal of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) and ASPHO.



Peter E. Newburger, MD, of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA, serves as editor. Editorial board members represent the international constituencies of both SIOP and ASPHO.

In the wake of his recent passing, we remember and honor the brilliant life of Robert J. Arceci, MD PhD, and his dedication to ASPHO as the former editor-in-chief. His achievements and extraordinary work in the pediatric hematology/oncology field were limitless. Dr. Arceci leaves behind a truly inspirational legacy, and one that will always be remembered. Read a tribute and memorial to Dr. Arceci.

PBC publishes manuscripts describing basic and clinical investigations of blood disorders and malignant diseases of childhood, including diagnosis, treatment,

epidemiology, etiology, biology, and molecular and clinical genetics of these diseases as they affect children, adolescents, and young adults.

In January 2014, *Pediatric Blood & Cancer* became online-only. The **online-only publication** reflects a larger trend, with scholarly journals everywhere moving rapidly toward electronic-only distribution.

A joint ASPHO and SIOP Publications Committee meets regularly to provide support, oversight, and guidance to the journal. Members of the committee include the presidents and officers of each society. This committee is chaired by Peter Newburger, MD.

Other societies affiliated with and contributing to the journal include The Histiocyte Society, the European Society for Paediatric Hematology and Immunology, and the International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology.





## Committees & Working Groups

### Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee works with the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the LOC Chair to establish the Congress agenda and with the >100 members of the Scientific Program Advisory Committee (SPAC) for abstract evaluation and suggestions of topics for Keynotes, Symposia and Meet the Expert Sessions.

### SIOP 2018 Programme Statistics

- 8 Keynote lectures
- 10 Symposia
- 6 Meet the expert sessions

### Two Keynote Talks by Nobel Prize Laureates

Autophagy: Yoshinori Ohsumi (2016)

PD-1 and PD-L1: Tasuko Honjo (2018) born in Kyoto and is from Kyoto University

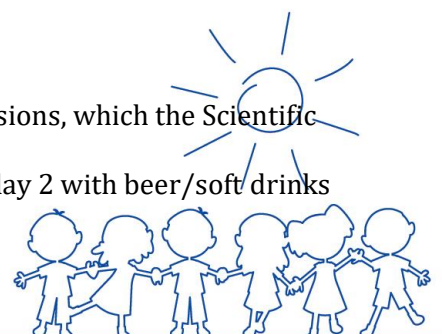
- Free paper sessions  
Number of Abstract submitted: 1546  
(1470 abstracts in 2016/1186 abstracts in 2017)
- Number of oral/poster presentations:  
Poster: 786  
Poster Discussion: 33  
Posters published only: 231  
Orals: 273
- Late Breaking abstracts  
60 submitted  
3 selected

### SIOP 2018 Free Paper Session topics

- Solid Tumors
- Hematologic Malignancies
- Psycho-oncology (PPO)
- Supportive Care
- Survivorship
- CNS Tumors
- Epidemiology
- Experimental Therapeutics
- Immunotherapy
- PODC
- Tumor Genetics
- High Impact Clinical Trials

### Major Change in Meeting Organization for 2018

- Negative feedback about poster and poster discussion sessions, which the Scientific Committee completely agreed with  
- Now have 2 poster sessions in the evening of day 1 and day 2 with beer/soft drinks and light snacks



- Return to poster boards with parallel submission of electronic posters that are available on the app and will be available on the SIOP website for 1 year
- Six parallel poster discussion sessions on day 3 highlighting 6 abstracts in each session
- To accommodate these changes, the meeting was extended to a full day on day #3
- Scientific Committee will assess the success of these changes after the meeting

#### **Selected highlights of the 2019 Meeting, Lyon, France**

- **Keynote:** The Burden Of Childhood Cancer Worldwide And How IARC Informs The WHO Cancer Policies (Elisabete Weiderpass)
- **Keynote:** International Baseline Standards For Pediatric Oncology: An Interdisciplinary Approach To Achieving Equity In Care Delivery (Sarah Day)
- **Symposium:** POKER: Integration Of Intensive Care And Pediatric Oncology Makes A Full House
- **Symposium:** My Child Matters Symposium: Advancing Nutritional Education And Research In Low And Middle Income Countries

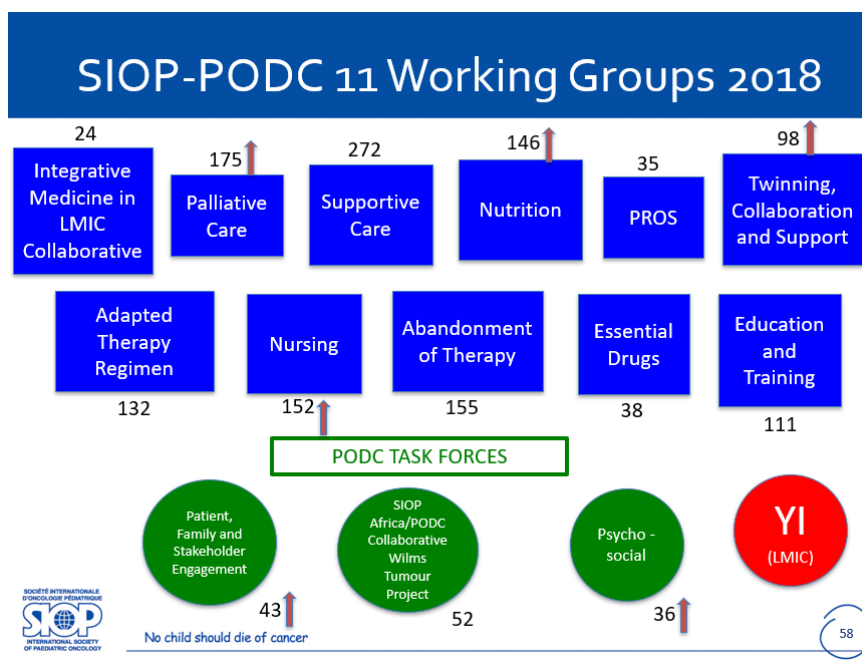


## Paediatric Oncology in Developing Countries (PODC)

SIOP established a PODC Committee in 1990 to develop paediatric oncology in countries with low levels of access and care. It's vision and mission is that all children and adolescents with cancer have access to age-adapted good care, taking into account prevalent cultural and socio-economic circumstances.

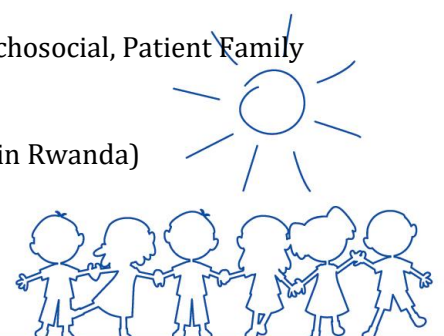
## Working Groups

Our PODC Working Groups and their respective chairs stimulate and disseminate scientific and clinical knowledge in different fields of paediatric care.



## PODC Working Group & Task Force Outputs

- Online educational fora (Pall Care, Supp Care, Nursing)
- Online resources and Repositories (E&T, Twinning, Supp Care, ATR)
- POINTE (Ped Onc Int Network for Training and Education)
- Workshops and Regional Meetings (PROS, Nutrition, Nursing, Supportive Care, Palliative Care)
- Research Initiatives (PFS, Nutrition, Psychosocial, Essential Medicine)
- EM Drug Access Study being rolled out in Africa and the Caribbean
- PsychoSocial TF are preparing to pilot the PAT 2.0 assessment tool
- Guidelines and Standards (ATRs, Nursing Baseline Standards)
- A variety of **Published Papers** and a **Handbook** (Palliative Care, PROS, ATR, Nutrition, EM, Nursing, TCM, Supportive Care, Twinning)
- **Multinational Collaborations** (ATR, Nutrition, TCM, Psychosocial, Patient Family and Stakeholder Engagement Task Force)
- **Clinical Trials** (WT Africa Project)
- **Implementation** (WT in Africa, Abandonment, "Hunger" in Rwanda)



## Young Investigators (SIOP YI-NET)



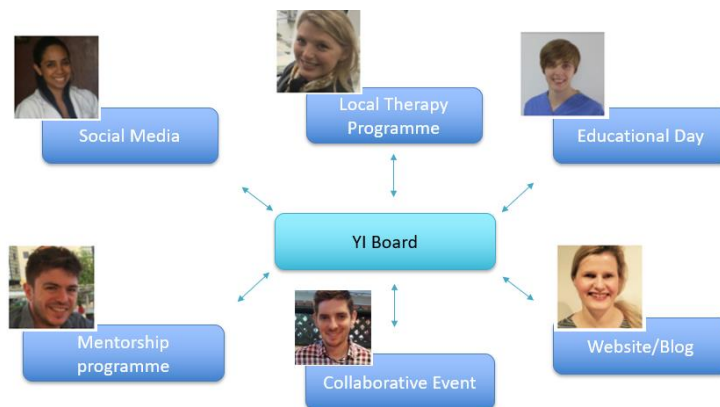
In close collaboration with the SIOP Executive board, SIOP-YINET aims to:

- Integrate the interests of young investigators within the SIOP objectives
- Provide an online platform for networking and collaboration amongst international young investigators
- Reach out to other young investigators to promote

active involvement of young investigators in SIOP

- Develop and implement sessions in the SIOP congresses directed to young investigators

### Work Streams



### 2018 Educational Day



### Mentorship Programme

115 mentors in 26 countries

### Plans for 2019:

- Exchange Programm
- Development of Educational Movies





### Nursing Steering Committee

The SIOP Nursing Group is dedicated to improving the lives of children with cancer and their families worldwide.

We are so much looking forward to the upcoming congress and hope that you have already registered for the 50th Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP), November 16-19, 2018 in Kyoto, Japan. This year will be the 25th meeting of SIOP Nursing and the nursing programme will include a presentation of our history.

Thanks to the Local Organizing Committee, who has been able to find funding, we will have simultaneous translation to Japanese available during the whole nursing programme, including the education day.

On Friday November 16, we will have an education day and two sessions have been planned in conjunction with the SIOP Supportive Care Working Group. Subjects for the education day include: Symptom management, Education of symptom management for parents, and Decision-making during end-of-life care.

This year we had more than 100 abstracts submitted to Nursing. We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who made an effort to contribute to the SIOP Nursing programme and to the progression of knowledge in our area. After a review process, performed by the members of the Scientific Programme Advisory Committee (SPAC) in Nursing, authors have been informed if their abstract was accepted for oral or poster presentation. Based on the accepted abstracts, the nursing committee have put together an exciting nursing programme for the conference.

Eight nurses from low income countries have been awarded scholarships to attend SIOP in Kyoto. This includes five scholarships awarded by the SIOP Nursing Committee, one by PODC, and two by Sanofi Espoir to previous awardees of the My Child Matters award.

Unfortunately, Véronique Van De Velde has decided, for personal reasons, to leave her assignment in the Nursing Steering Committee. Among other things, Véronique has worked hard, together with the nursing representatives in the Local Organizing Committee, to put together a varied and interesting program for the education day at the 2018 SIOP Congress. Veronique was also taking over the work in the Scientific Committee after Corry van den Hoed-Heerschop. It has been so great to work together with Véronique and we want to take this opportunity to thank her for the time that she has given and for all her hard work.

Finally, this is the last call for nominations for the Nursing Lifetime Achievement Award. Any present or past member of the Society can be nominated for his/her substantial contributions to paediatric oncology nursing. Nominations need to be made by September 30, 2018 (12:00 noon CET). The nomination form should be submitted to the SIOP Office via email ([info@siop-online.org](mailto:info@siop-online.org)) or to Pernilla Pergert ([pernilla.pergert@ki.se](mailto:pernilla.pergert@ki.se)) and include a short motivation. Final selection will be made by the Nursing Steering Committee.

On behalf of the SIOP Nursing Steering Committee,  
Pernilla Pergert (Chair)



## Supportive Care

In this update, we will like to update you on the preparations of the program on Supportive care issues for the SIOP 2018 meeting in Kyoto.

As always, we will be collaborating with other committees and working groups. On the educational day, (day -1, November 16, 2018) we will have two joint sessions with the Nurses Committee. The first session will be on "Symptom management". Some of the topics to be discussed are: Infection prevention in children with cancer undergoing conventional chemotherapy and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) (Thomas Lehrnbecher, MD, Germany); Interventions for promoting participation in shared decision-making for children with cancer undergoing invasive procedure, focusing on pain management (Eriko Shiota, Japan), Management of skin complications after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (Linda Abramovitz, USA). The second session will be on "Education of selfcare and symptom management for parents", including three topics: Sleep at home: building a home hydration program for chemotherapy patients (Lisa Morrissey, USA), Assessment of parent's learning needs in paediatric oncology (Anders Ringnér, Sweden) and Education and self care and symptom management for parents (Marianne van de Wetering, MD, Netherlands). There will be two free paper sessions, one on infectious complications and one on toxicity and supportive care on November 18, 2018. There will also be poster presentations on supportive care.

Members of the SIOP Supportive Care WG are collaborating with SIOP-PODC Supportive Care WG and other international Supportive Care Groups. Collaboration with MASCC (Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer) is continuing. Marianne van de Wetering, past-chair of SIOP Supportive Care WG, has been the chair of MASCC- Pediatric Supportive Care working group from 2011 to 2018. The MASCC/ISOO 2018 Annual Meeting in Supportive Care in Cancer has been held on June 28-30, 2018 in Vienna, Austria. The pediatric study group had two joint workshops on "What Does the Future Hold? Prognostication in Advanced Cancer and Clinical Decision Making" and a session "on late effects of cardiotoxicity and how to prevent it". Thomas Lehrnbecher, the other past-chair of SIOP Supportive Care WG, is involved in an ongoing collaboration with the Pediatric Working Party of the EBMT (European for Blood and Marrow Transplantation).

The goal of this activity is to reach a consensus of standards of non-pharmacological (such as neutropenic diet, social restrictions) as well as pharmacological anti-infective measures. On the long run, this consensus needs to be adapted to the different international setting. This is planned to be discussed in the business meeting. Rejin Kebudi, MD, (present co-chair of the SC WG) is involved in an ongoing collaboration with the Middleeast Cancer Consortium, directed by Prof Michael Silbermann, where a global survey on cancer pain management is being held, a book on palliative care and research methods in palliative care is prepared, a symposium on "Creating a Bridge Between Traditional and Conventional Health Belief Models for refugees" was held in Berlin by the collaboration of colleagues from Europe and the Middleeast. A special series on "Palliative Care and Oncology: Time for Increased Collaboration and Integration" was published by the collaboration of colleagues in the region.

The International Pediatric Oncology Guideline (IPOG) network ([www.sickkids.ca/Research/iPOG](http://www.sickkids.ca/Research/iPOG)), has been active in setting up an international network on the progress of guideline development. Many members of the SIOP-Supportive Care Working Group are involved in guideline development. This year, the pain guideline for children with cancer chaired by Dr W Tissing (Present co-chair of SC WG) and Dr F Campbell, and coordinated by A Font-Gonzalez MSc PhD and E Loeffen MD will be completed. The fertility guideline chaired by Dr M.D. van de Wetering and Dr L Kenney for the male group and Dr W.Tissing and Dr J Levine for the female group as well as the work lead package Dr L. Kremer; and coordinated by A Font-Gonzalez MSc PhD and E Loeffen MD is almost completed.

A Supportive Care WG business meeting is planned on day -1 (not the last day of the meeting as previously!), at 1-3.45 pm, the SIOP PODC Supportive Care WG will also join. All interested in SC are invited to attend. Please e-mail us for attendance.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and we hope to meet you in the SIOP 2018 annual meeting in November 16-19, 2018 in Kyoto, Japan.



### Pediatric Psycho-Oncology (PPO)

This year the SIOP conference will be in **Kyoto, Japan** from **November 16-19, 2018**. It will be a special conference, as SIOP will mark its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and several events will be organized at the conference to celebrate this. What is also worth celebrating, is that psycho-oncology has become an integral part of the SIOP program!

### Educational day

The educational day will take place on **November 16, 2018**. More than 20 abstracts were selected from the abstract submission and cultural representation was taken into account. More information can be found at <http://siop.kenes.com/2018#.WpclLmrwbcs>.

### Main program

For the main program from **November 17-19, 2018** abstracts for three free paper sessions were selected. Also, a symposium will take place on *Cultural differences in truth telling to children* and a keynote on *Sleep disorders*. A complete overview of the PPO program and topics can be found in the attachment of this e-mail.

### Registration

Registration for the conference is still possible until **October 23, 2018**. Please register under the HCP category to profit from reduced rates, also for the educational day.

### SIOP PPO committee

We are happy to share that after the loss of our dear member Andrea Paternaude, we have three new members in our SIOP PPO committee: Christopher Recklitis (USA), Sasja Schepers (the Netherlands) and Fiona Schulte (Canada). Kelly van Bindsbergen (the Netherlands) is our new secretary.

We believe SIOP 2018 will have a very psychosocial flavor making it very worthwhile to come.

We hope to see you there!

The SIOP-PPO committee,

Martha Grootenhuis (chair SIOP PPO), Maria McCarthy, Stephen Sands, Christopher Recklitis, Fiona Schulte, Sasja Schepers and Gabi Calaminus



## Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Prof. Giuseppe Masera, Italy

### Nursing Lifetime Achievement Award

Prof. Faith Gibson, UK

### SIOP Awards

- Clinical Trials – Kimberly Dunsmore, USA
- Basic And Translational Research – Takeshi Isoda, Japan
- Paediatric Oncology In Developing Countries – Karina Ribeiro, Brazil

### Fasanelli Prize (best Ewing Sarcoma abstract)

Sidharth Totadri, India

### Schweisguth Prize lecture

Guillem Pascuel-Pasto, Spain

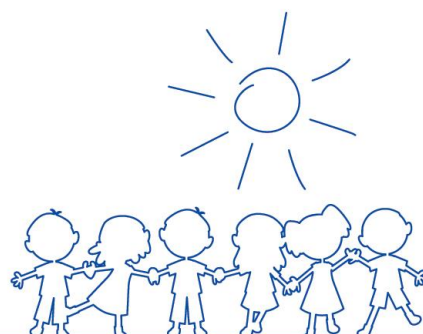
### Scholarships

For each annual meeting, SIOP provides 20 PODC and 5 Nurse scholarships to people who have insufficient resources to participate and to travel to the meeting. Successful candidates will receive financial support towards their travel and accommodation costs up to EUR 1500 and free registration to the annual meeting.

### PODC Scholarships

Congratulations to:

Purwanto	Kartika	Indonesia
Totadri	Sidharth	India
Kashyap	Mitika	India
Daruvala	Rhea	India
Ahmad	Alia	Pakistan
Ahmed	Nagla	Egypt
Qazi	Abid	Pakistan
Garrido	Claudia	Guatemala
Fuentes-Alabi	Soad	El Salvador





Zakaria	Marwa	Egypt
Olbara	Gilbert	Kenya
Sadaruddin	Shahzad	Pakistan
Wambu	Fredrick	Kenya
Salaverria Castillo	Carmen	El Salvador
Lukashenko	Andrii	Ukraine
Chu	Trixy	Philippines
Widjajanto	Pudjo Hagung	Indonesia
Chau Van	Ha	Vietnam
Manirakiza	Alexis	Rwanda
Aguilar	Vincent	Philippines

### Nurse Scholarships

Congratulations to:

Nhan	Nguyen Thi Thanh	Vietnam
Afungchwi	Glenn Mbah	Cameroon
Triana	Komang Y.	Indonesia
Khan	Bashir	Pakistan
Nant	Win Kyi	Myanmar

### Young Investigator Awards

These awards are designed to give Young Investigators, working in the field of paediatric oncology, the opportunity to present their original research at the SIOP Annual Meeting. Successful candidates will receive financial support towards their travel and accommodation costs up to EUR 1500 and free registration to the annual meeting.

Congratulations to:

Pillai	Vinodh	USA
Sullivan	Courtney	USA
Wenbin	Wenbin	China



Howard Sharp	Katianne	USA
Schulte	Fiona	Canada
Campbell	Brittany	Canada
Lukolyo	Heather	USA
Kubota	Yasuo	Japan
Gu	Zhaohui	USA
Ehrhardt	Matthew	USA
Ouyang	Na	China
Van Warmerdam	Jacqui	Canada
Moxon-Emre	Iska	Canada
Liu	Yanyan	China

### Poster Awards

The best poster in each medical/academic discipline, as stated on the abstract submission, is eligible for a poster prize of EUR 200.

Poster Discussion Session 1: Leukemia/Lymphoma: Clinical	Anstavroula Anastasopoulou	Sweden
Poster Discussion Session 2: PODC	Vikram Gota	India
Poster Discussion Session 3: Solid and CNS Tumours: Clinical	Christophe Grosset	France
Poster Discussion Session 4: Leukemia: Prognostic Factors and Biology	Shen Shuhong	China
Poster Discussion Session 5: Solid and CNS Tumours: Biology	Taryn Treger	UK
Poster Discussion Session 6: Survivorship and PPO	Mei Neni Sitaresmi	Indonesia



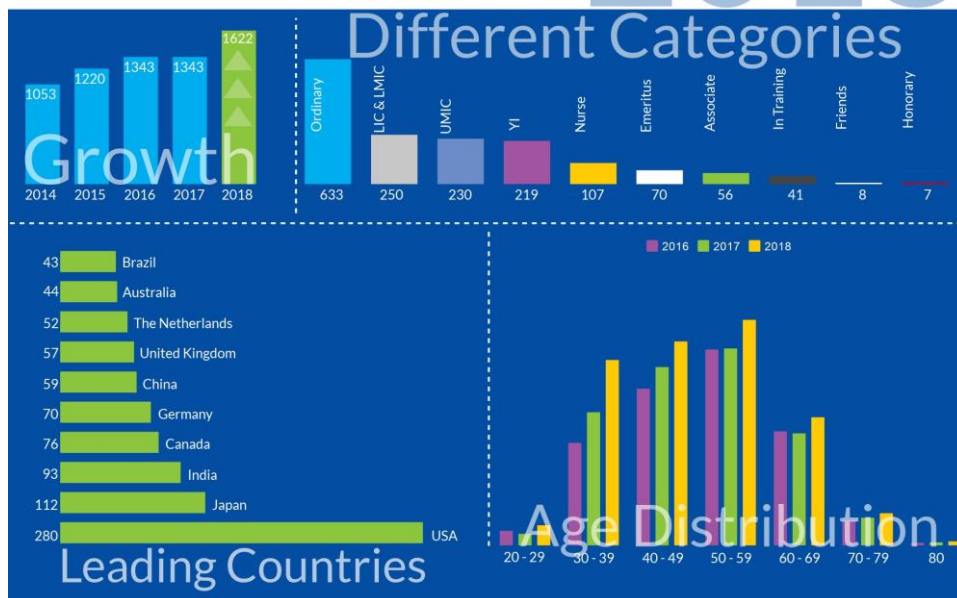
## Uniting the Paediatric Oncology Community

### Membership

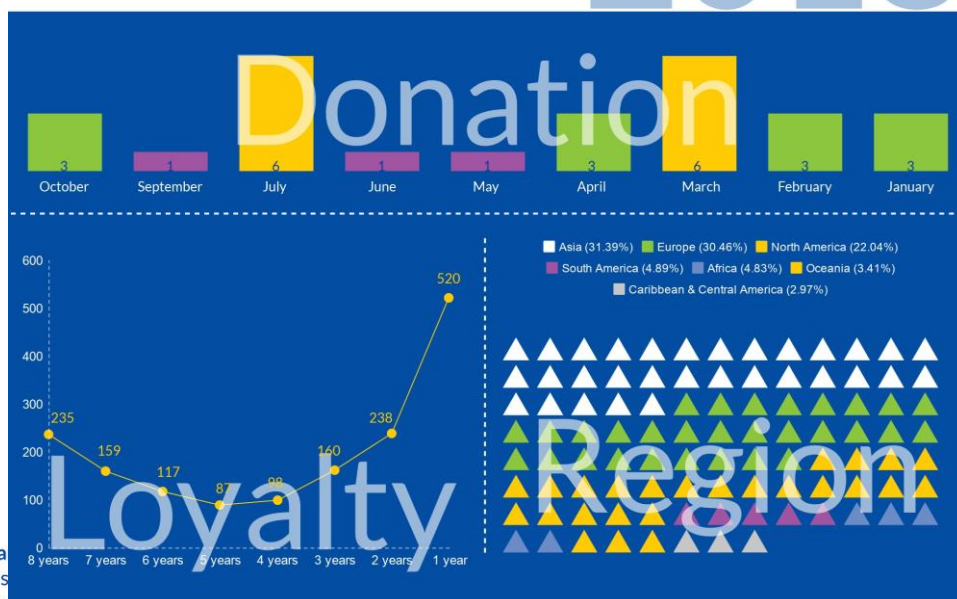
SIOP has worked diligently throughout 2018 on member engagement and recruitment. With the new membership fee structure which has been approved in 2017, we could also facilitate access to membership to many of our colleagues in the developing world.

As of November 16, 2018, we had 1622 individual members from 92 countries. We thank you our members for your continuous trust and support.

## Membership Overview 2018



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## Partnerships

Achieving our vision of a life of “no child should die of cancer” is a task that SIOP cannot be achieved alone. We are committed to building our partnerships at global, regional and national level to scale up and deliver improvements in prevention, treatment and support to reduce the burden of childhood cancer at a global, regional and national level.

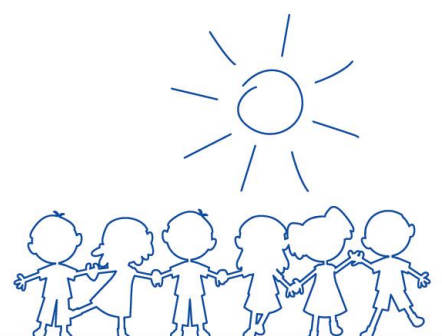
In 2018 we became an official non-state actor with WHO and signed our joint implementation plan for the year next three years which will also see us collaborate on the delivery of the Global Childhood Cancer Initiative.

We also continued to work closely with our long-term partners and affiliated societies Childhood Cancer International (CCI), The International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO) and The Paediatric Radiation Oncology Society (PROS) to achieve shared goals through joint projects and programmes and operational/organizational platforms.

Other partners and supports include:

- Sanofi Espoir Foundation
- St. Baldrick's Foundation
- International Union against Cancer (UICC)
- International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
- NDC Alliance
- World Child Cancer (WCC)

We welcome and actively seek new partners and in 2019 will continue to work to broaden our industry, NGO and philanthropic partners.





## Promoting Best Practice through Global Guidelines and Tools

### Global Mapping of Paediatric Oncology Services



We are proud to announce that the first stage of the SIOP Global Mapping of Paediatric Oncology Services projects has been launched in November 2018 during our annual meeting in Kyoto.

The main objective of this effort is to collect information via a survey on the current landscape of paediatric oncology services around the world, and the resources available in each individual country.

The survey includes questions regarding your practice and environment and should take less than 10 minutes of your time.

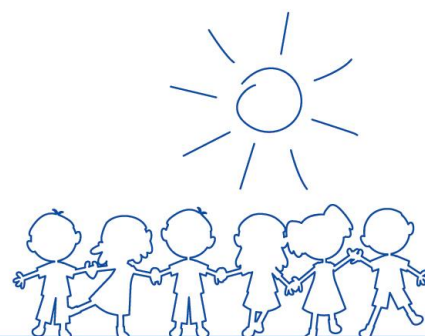
This information can help SIOP, National groups and individuals in each country. By collecting this information, we will be able to describe accurately the disparity of resources available to treat children with cancer and use this data to advocate for more resources at different levels. By having regular updates, we will be able to measure the impact of our collective efforts to improve access to optimal care for children and their families.

This global mapping also offers other opportunities, such as the possibility to develop collaborations between institutions or networks, to initiate twinning initiatives between centres, and to share protocols.

Our aim is to start with data collection limited to the African continent. Once this part of the project is completed, we will present the results to the SIOP community to see whether to extend this project to other continents.

We hope you will help us with this initiative. This project has the potential to benefit everyone, especially the children for whom we care.

We also like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsor Sanofi Espoir Foundation to make the launch of this project possible.



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## The Paediatric Oncology International Training and Education Network (POINTE)

One of the most significant barriers to adequately treating children with cancer in resource-limited settings is a lack of health care workers in paediatric oncology. Many training programs and educational materials are available but that information is often difficult to find and not easily accessible. Recognizing this unmet need, the leadership of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)-Paediatric Oncology for Developing Countries (PODC) Education and Training Working Group (E/T WG) sought to investigate which training opportunities were available and make these more accessible to health care workers from resource-limited settings.

In October 2014, they launched the initial website with a database of paediatric oncology training programs. The site served as a link between health care workers and the opportunities. Through personal communication, web searches and other methods, they compiled an extensive list. The “Find an Expert” program was developed throughout the following year, in an effort to link providers in resource-limited settings with their counterparts in high-resourced countries for help with care management and additional educational opportunities.

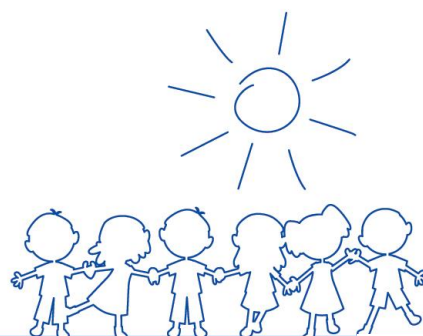
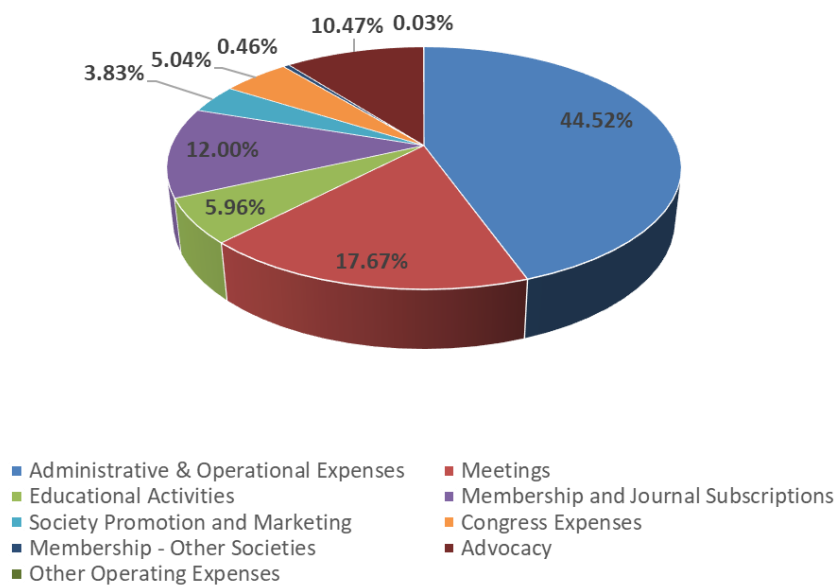
Though obtaining thousands of page views and being visited from 125 countries on the initial website, the SIOP-PODC E/T WG felt that this project had greater potential to reach more people and have a more profound impact. The Paediatric Oncology International Training and Education Network (POINTE) was launched on October 18, 2016 as an extension of this project. POINTE will remain true to the original goals of the founders: not creating any new content, serving as a link to help make existing information more accessible to health care workers from resource-limited settings, and open access with no passwords or members-only restrictions. If just one health care worker benefits from this initiative, they have the potential to touch countless lives



## Financial Report

SIOP concluded the 2018 financial year in a positive position.

### OPERATIONAL EXPENSE BREAKDOWN 2017/2018



## Leadership

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