

**51st Congress of the International Society
of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)**

Annual Business Meeting

Friday, 25 October 2019

Centre de Congrès de Lyon (CCC-Lyon) - Lyon, France

Commission Room Bellecour 1, 2 & 3

12:20 – 14:15*

MINUTES

Participants:

Eric Bouffet – SIOP President
Kathy Pritchard-Jones – SIOP President Elect
Scott Howard – SIOP Secretary General
Stephen Hunger – Chair of the SIOP Scientific Committee
Julia Challinor – Global Advocacy WHO Liaison Officer
Peter Newburger – Pediatric Blood and Cancer (PBC) Editor-in Chief
Alan Davidson – PODC co-chair
Sandra Luna-Fineman PODC co-chair
Jess Morgan - SIOP Young Investigator Committee
Rashmi Dalvi – Continental President Asia
Pamela Kearns - Continental President Europe
Michael Sullivan - Continental President Oceania
Arturo Moreno - Continental President Latin America
Lindsay Frazier - Continental President North America
Susanne Wollaert – SIOP Executive Director

Apologies:

Gregory Reaman – SIOP Treasurer

Total attendance: 291 SIOP members of 1869 (as per the current by-laws article 6.1 a quorum of 5% of total society membership has been achieved)

Agenda: Refer to Appendix 1

1. Welcome and Apologies for non-attendance

Eric Bouffet welcomed all participants and thanked them for joining. He also informed members that Gregory Reaman (SIOP Treasurer) could unfortunately not travel to Lyon to attend the congress this year for personal reasons and that Scott Howard will present the treasurer report on his behalf.

2. Silence for those no longer with us

All participants observed a minute of silence for those who are no longer with us. This year, the paediatric oncology community mourned the loss of the Dr Anne Jouvét, Prof Ayhan Okçuoğlu Çavdar, Prof. Jack Plaschkes, Dr. Grace Kariuki Morugi, Isabella Jaboma and Jayne Kamau. Dr Bouffet reminded the assembly to share any obituaries or information about members that have passed with the SIOP Office at any time to include in our Annual Business Meeting for remembrance purposes.

3. Minutes of the 50th Meeting of SIOP

3.1 Corrections/amendments

The minutes from the last Annual Business Meeting held in Kyoto, Japan on Sunday 18 November 2018 were approved.

3.2 Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda

No other matters have been added to the agenda by the assembly of delegates.

4. Report from the President

SIOP Global Mapping of Paediatric Oncology Services

Dr Eric Bouffet reported on the most recent success of the SIOP Global Mapping of Paediatric Oncology Services team led by Dr Jennifer Geel and Neil Ranasinghe. He added that 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 team has accomplished to compile a first report about Africa and thanked the various SIOP members and especially Dr Laila Hessissen (SIOP Continental President Africa) for her help and contribution to this herculean effort. Phase two of the survey will be launched before the end of the year and all SIOP members will be notified by email.

Dr Bouffet also took the opportunity to thank the Sanofi Espoir Foundation for their generous sponsorship of the above-mentioned activity and Dr Anne Gagnepain-Lacheteau for her tireless efforts and commitment to help children and families with cancer in low-income countries around the world. Dr Gagnepain-Lacheteau will officially step down as medical director of the foundation and will be truly missed, both as partner and friend. He welcomed Mr François Desbrandes, as new head of paediatric oncology My Child Matters program, to the SIOP family and a continued collaboration and partnership.

Sanofi Espoir Foundation (SEF)

Dr Bouffet announced that the SEF call for three-year projects in paediatric As part of its roadmap for the period 2019-2021, the Sanofi Espoir Foundation will support 24 new projects to fight childhood cancers by providing expertise and financial support.

The projects supported by the Sanofi Espoir Foundation fall into six categories: professional education and training/capacity building (6 projects), cancer registries (6), early detection (4), palliative care/pain control (3), access to care (3) and fighting treatment abandonment (2). Of the candidates selected, ten are in Latin America (Argentina, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay and Peru), six in Africa (Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Cameroon and member countries of the African Pediatric Oncology Group-GFAOP), five in Asia (Indonesia, Mongolia, Pakistan, and Thailand), and one each in Jordan, Ukraine and Papua New Guinea/Fiji.

WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer

Dr Bouffet thanked Catherine Lam and Scott Howard (current WHO staff) for their outstanding work to support the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer. There have been several in-country workshops being held in Myanmar, Peru, Philippines, Uzbekistan (next week) to help the local paediatric oncology community push childhood cancer on the national health agenda with many more to come.

Changes in the Leadership

He continued to report that 2019 has been a year of great transition for the society. Kathy Pritchard-Jones will officially take over the president role after this assembly, Lillian Sung will become the new Scientific Committee Chair whilst Steve Hunger will move on to become Treasurer Elect. There have also been various changes in the committees. PODC co-chair, Alan Davidson will step down and Saghir Khan will commence his term supporting Sandra Luna-Fineman as co-chair.

Dr Bouffet added that the board is also in the process of re-evaluating the role of the Continental Presidents and the society's vision, mission, and goals. Ongoing challenges are to increase membership, managing the complexity of the society with its various key components such as committees, working groups, members, external relations, the congress etc. whilst ensuring stable incomes and revenues to support various activities and projects.

5. Report from the Secretary General

Annual Meeting

Scott Howard presented the attendee numbers from the last 7 years of congresses – highlighting that the Lyon meeting is yet again a record-breaking congress for SIOP with 2697 delegates from 110 countries.

Membership

The membership numbers also mark another record year for SIOP with 1869 members from 123 countries in 2019 as compared to 1629 in 2018. He added a big thank you to Christophe Bergeron and his LOC team for pushing especially French membership this year and is hoping to retain these members for the future.

He added that SIOP has introduced two new categories earlier this year to make membership more accessible for our colleagues from LIC and LMICs.

These new categories are:

- Emeritus members from Low and Lower/Middle Income countries (currently 2 active members)
- Members in Training from Low and Lower/Middle Income countries (currently 14 active member)

Top 10 membership countries are the United States, India, France, Japan, UK followed by Canada, Germany, Brazil, the Netherlands, and Italy.

The age distribution curve showed that with the successful implementation and activities of the Young Investigator group, the average age of our membership is 48 with 30% of active members under 40.

The board is also planning to look into a sort of loyalty program for members.

International Neuroblastoma Risk Group Task Force

Scott Howard continued to invite members to get Involved in the INRG (International Neuroblastoma Risk Group Task Force) which is a INRG database of > 20,000 NB patients used to develop risk classification system and many research publications. More information about the group can be found on their website.

Changes to the Board

Scott Howard reported that the following members will end their turn this year: Eric Bouffet (Canada) will step down as President and become past president for one year. He will be succeeded by Kathy Pritchard-Jones (UK) as new president of the society. Steve Hunger (USA) will step down as Scientific Committee Chair and become Treasurer Elect. He will be succeeded by Lillian Sung (Canada) as new Scientific Committee Chair. Alan Davidson (South Africa) will step down as PODC co-chair and will be succeeded by Saghir Khan (UAE). Finally, Donna Johnston will become the 2020 Ottawa Annual Congress LOC chair.

Upcoming Elections

The following positions will be open for elections early 2020 and all members will receive more detailed information on how to submit their vote or qualify as potential candidate by email:

- Secretary General Elect
- Continental President Elect Asia
- Continental President Elect Africa

Scott Howard added that nominations from all health care professional backgrounds are welcome.

6. Future SIOP Annual Meetings

SIOP 2020 Congress

Scott Howard announced that the SIOP 2020 Congress will be held from October 14 - 17, 2020, in Ottawa, Canada. The LOC chair will be Dr Donna Johnston.

SIOP 2021 Congress

Scott Howard announced that the SIOP 2021 Congress will be held from October 21 - 24, 2021, in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. The LOC chair will be Dr Wade Kyono.

SIOP 2022 Congress

Scott Howard explained to the members that like last year, we had many, highly competitive bids in wonderful places with phenomenal organizing committees. It was a very tough decision for the board to make and reasons for selection include many factors outside the control of the committee:

- Cost of venue (0 to \$300,000)
- Total costs (\$500,000 to \$800,000)
- Cost of hotels for delegates
- Distance of hotels from venue/room capacity
- Cost of flights/connectivity

Scott Howard congratulated the team of Dr Jaume Mora for submitting a successful bid to host the SIOP 2021 Congress in Barcelona, Spain. The exact dates can be found shortly on the SIOP website. He added that the board felt it

He added that the call for bids for the SIOP 2023 meeting, to be held in North America, will open shortly after the Lyon meeting and all members will receive further details by email.

7. Membership Voting

Scott Howard presented the constitutional changes which require a membership vote today to the assembly:

- Board of Directors

During the recent Board of Directors Meeting held in Chicago, it has been decided to include the advocacy chair as well as the PODC co-chairs in the Board of Directors.

The constitution has been modified to reflect this change and we have also amended the role of the Executive Board which is responsible for daily operational decisions, whereas the Board of Directors is now fully integrated in decisions on behalf of the Assembly.

- Liability

The Board of Directors deems it necessary to add a liability clause to the current constitution to protect our society from any legal actions against it.

- Tax Status

Since we have obtained the tax-exempt status in Switzerland, this sentence has been adapted as well.

- Terms of Office

In line with the various terms of office for our officers, we have now also added a limitation to the number of terms.

- Conflict of Interest

The Board of Directors deems it necessary to add a conflict of interest clause to the current constitution.

- Online voting

Since the option of online voting by the assembly has been approved by membership during our last business meeting in Kyoto, these changes will now also be reflected in our constitution.

Scott Howard requested that everyone complete their vote now by:

- Open the SIOP 2019 App
- Go to "ABM Survey" on the landing page
- Enter your Full name
- Enter Passcode: Lyon2019
- Agree to use profile details
- Submit your vote

He added that if members do not have a mobile device and/or the app, to kindly ask our staff for a paper ballot. These can be returned to the SIOP Office team at the completion of the meeting.

8. Strategic Plan

Review of Vision, Mission, Goals & Objectives

Kathy Pritchard-Jones presented the revised version of the mission, vision and goals to the assembly that has been discussed and prepared by the board during the Spring meeting in June followed by various conference calls.

Vision

No child should die of cancer: cure for more and care for all.

Mission

Improve the lives of children and adolescents with cancer through global collaboration, education, training, research, and advocacy.

Goals

1. PROMOTING RESEARCH TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR PATIENTS
2. ADVOCATING GLOBALLY FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH CANCER
3. PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING
4. INCREASING MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT
5. STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

She added that the board will continue to fine-tune this proposal and work on a more detailed and clearly define strategic plan for the society. All members will be asked to vote on this mid-2020. She also asked members to contact the board via the office to be part of these goals and the board will come back some time over the summer as we have the option for online voting as well now.

9. Continental President Reports

Africa

Laila Hessissen reported on the activities of the SIOP Africa branch in 2019. The main events in 2019 were the SIOP Africa 2019 in Cairo (March 19), the African Union meeting in Niger (July 19), the SNOSSA meeting in SA (August 19), the AORTIC meeting in Maputo (November 19), the African paediatric surgeon meeting in Kinshasa (November 19) and the African Society of Paediatric Neuro-Oncology congress in in Cairo (February 20).

She continued to present the major project and publications of the group. Those include the Global Mapping of Paediatric Oncology Services (J Geel), the Collaborative Wilms Tumour Africa and SUCCOUR Projects (T Israel), the WCC African nurses group, the Retinoblastoma program (P Bey) and the WHO Childhood cancer Global Initiative.

The next continental meeting will be held in Kampala, Uganda in January 2021.

Asia

Rashmi Dalvi reported on the activities of the SIOP Asia branch in 2019. She explained that the Asia group presents 60% of the world's population and therefore carries 2/3 of the childhood cancer burden where less than 30% are adequately treated.

She continued to give a brief overview of the history of the SIOP Asia branch including past presidents, membership, continental meetings, and congress attendance of SIOP Asia members. The SIOP Asia newsletter is issued twice a year since 2000 with previous editors Previous editors MR Lokeshwar , A Sachdev , Chi kong Li, S Banavali and Brijesh Arora. She added that there has also always been a strong link between the Asia branch and the PODC committee with support and involvement in various projects and networking events.

Plans include to create a platform for collaboration as Asia is a continent of contrasts with a wide spectrum in health economics. There are countries with high burden of cancers which represent an opportunity for research but have poor resources. On the contrary there are also countries with sufficient resources and technical know how which could support collaborative research, education, and training of personnel. Collaborations that have already been formed by the group are focused around education, patient care and research which include EURADO, SIOP PODC Nutrition WS and guidelines, Asian and Middle Eastern Histiocytosis network, APHOG, JCCG, Japan and engaging with other organisations such as ESMO Asia Rare Cancers and AYA as well as a strong involvement in the WHO GICC in Asia.

Rashmi Dalvi continued to report on the outlook for her term and her focus on the below activities and projects in the coming year:

- INCREASE MEMBERSHIP/ MAILING to include PHO societies in various countries
- REGIONAL REPRESENTATION ON SIOP ASIA COMMITTEE
- SURGEONS, RADIOTHERAPISTS, PATHOLOGISTS
- TASK FORCES: Nutrition, Palliative Care, Infections, Guideline, Disease specific (e.g. Retinoblastoma), Integrative medicine

Europe

Pamela Kearns reported on the activities of the SIOP Europe branch in 2019. She continued to present the current structure and membership base of SIOPE. Currently the society has 2002 members from 36 countries representing 30 National Societies of Paediatric Oncology (NaPHOS) in addition to European Clinical Trial Groups and individual members. P Kearns explained the current composition of the executive board, office team and various working groups to the assembly which include the AYA Group, Host Genome Working Group, Radiotherapy Group and Young Oncologist Group (Young SIOPE).

One of the main goals of SIOPE is to Equal access to bring about equal access across Europe to standard care (in both diagnosis and treatment), expertise and clinical research. SIOPE tries to achieve this through various networks and project such as ExPO-r-NET, the European Reference Network (ERN), encca, JARC, Partner and QUARTET. She added that other areas of focus are:

- Innovative treatments: to introduce safe and effective innovative treatments (i.e. new drugs, new technologies) into standard care
- Precision cancer medicine: to improve risk classification as well as biological characteristics of both the tumour and patient (such as molecular and immunological factors) to help guide decisions on which therapies to use
- Tumour biology: to increase knowledge of tumour biology and speed up translation from basic research to clinical care to benefit patients

These above are supported through ITCC, ITCCP4 and ACCELERATE.

Lastly, quality of survivorship (to address the consequences of cancer treatment such as long term side effects, to better understand the genetic background/risk of an individual, and to improve quality of life of survivors of childhood cancer) is pushed forward by groups such as PanCareFollowUp, PanCare, survivorship passport and close collaboration with Childhood Cancer International Europe.

P Kearns added that a large part of the work of the European branch centres around policy affairs. The European Elections 2019 Manifesto has been launched successfully with 33 Members of the European Parliament from 33 countries, 34 organisations and more than 1000 individuals supporting it. In addition, there has been a publication in Lancet Oncology titled "A European paediatric cancer mission: aspiration or reality?".

The next annual meeting will be held in Valencia, Spain from May 4-8, 2020.

Oceania

Michael Sullivan reported on the activities of the SIOP Oceania branch in 2019. He started with how the Oceania groups is trying to meet the challenge of childhood cancer in Oceania. He showed how fractured the region is with thousands of islands, which makes it difficult to reach patients etc. Oceania combines the geographic size of Europe and India in one region. He continued to explain the relation between SIOP Oceania, ANZCHOG (Australia and New Zealand Children's Haematology Oncology Group) and New Zealand stating that SIOP has a very limited role here.

Michael Sullivan presented the Precision Therapy in Childhood Cancer: PRISM group (Zero Child Cancer Australia) to the assembly. This project is led by CCIA Sydney (Prof Glenn Marshall and David Ziegler) and MCRI and PMCC partners Melbourne. There is a \$20m fund for comprehensive analysis of high risk and relapsed cancers incl. whole genome, targeted panel, and expression.

Another precision therapy project in the region is the Precision Therapy in Childhood Cancer: AIM Brain (Australia) which gives access to Innovative Molecular Diagnostic Profiling for Paediatric Brain Tumours led by Nick Gottardo (Perth), Jordan Hansford (RCH) and Elizabeth Algar (Hudson Institute Monash). The current aim is to improve tumour classification and diagnosis for treatment selection, build a national brain tumour database, achieve NATA accreditation for methylation profiling and enrol n=400 over 4 years.

He continued to report on the PODC activities in the region and how hard it is to reach patients due to large distances and sparsity of the population. One of the successful projects to counteract this situation in the region is the Pacific Islands Program (NZ) 2007 – 2018. Through the program, which includes the development of Pacific Islands Protocols, chemotherapy supply education and training (RACS supported), twinning support and selected referrals to New Zealand from Samoa and Tonga, the survival rate is now approx. 50%.

Michael Sullivan presented a second similar project which is the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne Global Oncology PROGRAM 2014 – 2018 which covered Papua New Guinea (2014), Timor Leste (2016) and Laos PDR (2017). The aim was to provide simple, safe, and affordable protocols, access to WHO Essential Chemotherapy Medicines, supportive care, education and training, direct advocacy, and twinning teleconferences.

Lastly, he presented the major improvements and achievements of the Timor Leste Project 2016 – 2019. Before 2016 there was no "in country" treatment available and patients needed to travel overseas to Bali or Singapore which was costly and did not improve survival rates. In 2016, the RCH started to offer ad hoc consultations followed by a pilot program for "in country treatment" using PNG protocols in 2017. In 2018 Michael Sullivan met with the Government, Minister of Health and WHO to discuss how clinics can be consulted and on how to establish an education and nurse training scheme.

This meeting resulted in the RCH and Timor Leste Twinning program MOU in 2019 which covers:

- Agreement on treatable and curable cancers
- Advocacy, awareness & early warning signs
- Children's Cancer Registry: REDCap and smart phone
- Medical training in Melbourne
- June Meeting with Timor Ambassador

Michael Sullivan stated that this presented a great success, but sustainability remains a major issue.

He continued to report on the two main events of 2018 which were the launch of the WHO Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer with a first stakeholder meeting in Geneva and the first SIOP Oceania regional workshop held in Sydney.

Lastly, he presented the SIOP OCEANIA: GOALS 2019 – 2024 to the assembly:

- Engage with Regional WHO and Country health Ministries/Governments for WHO Global Initiative
- Support “in-country” education and training: medical and nursing for General Paediatricians
- SIOP Oceania Regional Workshop in PNG March 2020
- Increase Clinical Training in Paediatric Oncology in Australia with a country-specific resource adapted program
- Develop and Implement National Early Warning Signs Projects in PNG and Timor-Leste
- Strengthen Twinning relationships and formalize with MOUs
- Review Adapted Treatment Regimens and supportive care
- Implement Country specific CHILD CANCER CANCER REGISTRIES

Latin America

Arturo Moreno reported on the activities of the SIOP Latin America (SLAOP) branch in 2019. He reported that the group commemorated The International Day of Childhood Cancer (February 15) in different countries in Latin America.

During the month of April, they hosted the 30th SIOP – SLAOP Congress in Guayaquil, Ecuador with very good results in terms of attendance, presentations, and paper submissions. In fact, two papers were chosen to be presented at the SIOP 2019 Lyon meeting.

He continued to report on leadership changes within SLAOP with Guillermo Chantada becoming the new SLAOP and SIOP Latin America president at the end of this meeting.

Other exciting news from the region were that in May 2019, Peru was chosen as a focal country of the Americas for the WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative.

In July, Andrea Capellano, SLAOP Member from Brazil, was nominated for the Scientific Committee of SIOP.

Additionally, SIOP-SLAOP is now beginning joint activities with regional national groups such as AMOHP (Mexico), AHOPCA (Central America), and ACHOP (Colombia).

Arturo Moreno added that the group also helped disseminate the Global Mapping of Paediatric Oncology survey by email to over 600 contacts in countries with official SLAOP Members and 42 contacts in countries with sympathizers who are not members of SLAOP.

He continued that SIOP Latin America is also planning to start an early diagnosis program with the intention to reduce the amount of children who are diagnosed in advanced stages, provide affected children with a better quality of life, increase survival rates and lower treatment costs.

Lastly, he invited everybody to attend the next SLAOP meeting which will be held in Asuncion, Paraguay from April 01 -04, 2020.

North America

Lindsay Frazier reported on the activities of the SIOP North America branch in 2019. She started to the present to the assembly the composition of the North American paediatric haematology oncology community. There are currently ~2100 paediatric hematologic oncologists in the US (55% female). Care is increasingly provided by non-MD oncologists or so called "advanced practice providers". The mean number per practice is 14 oncologists, 7 "hospitalists" and 10.5 "nurse practitioner" with a 1.25 advanced practitioner ratio to every MD oncologist.

Lindsay Frazier added that at the Lyon 2019 meeting, there are currently 370 North American delegates compared to 253 current members. She added that there is certainly "Competition" for the attention of the North American Pediatric Hematologist Oncologists from our "sister societies" such as ASCO (American Society of Clinical Oncology), ASPHO (American Society of Pediatric Hematology) and COG (Childrens Oncology Group). In North America, there is no need for a "regional meeting" such as SIOP Europe or SIOP Asia and she posed the question of the reason for being for SIOP North America.

To answer this question, Lindsay Frazier reported about the creation of a task force of SIOP NA Members to address the following:

- How does SIOP differentiate itself in this ecosystem of other North American organizations?
- What should be the role of SIOP NA, both within North America, and within the Society?

Members interested to join this task force are invited to email her directly after this meeting.

10. Report from the Scientific Committee Chair

Steve Hunger thanked all members of the SPAC and Scientific Committee (SC) for their hard work and dedication to prepare this congress. He especially thanked Richard Grundy (UK) for his commitment and hard work as outgoing member of the Scientific Committee and welcomed Andrea Cappellano (Brazil) and Asim Belgaumi (Pakistan) as new members of the Scientific Committee.

He added that there will be a leadership transition within the SC since Lillian Sung from The Hospital for Sick Children will be starting her term as new Chair of the Scientific Committee after this congress. He and Lillian will work together very closely over the next year to ensure a smooth transition.

SIOP 2019 Numbers

He explained that 1747 abstracts had been submitted for the SIOP 2019 congress which is yet another record (1186 abstracts in 2017, 1546 abstracts in 2018). He explained that the programme had followed the usual structure of 8 keynotes, 10 symposia and 6 meet the expert session. Finally, the Scientific committee selected 3 abstracts among the 89 submitted for the SIOP late breaking abstract session.

Highlights still to come during this congress are as follows:

- Schweisguth Prize Session: Friday, 1700 - 1730
- Late Breaking Abstracts: Friday, 1730 - 1830
- Poster Viewing: Friday, 1830 - 1930
- SIOP Poster Discussion Sessions: Saturday 1310 - 1410

- Closing Ceremony: Saturday 1700 - 1730

SIOP Prizes and Awards

He congratulated the below recipients for their outstanding work and well-deserved awards and prizes:

- SIOP Awards
Clinical Trials – Anne Sophie Defachelles, France
Basic and Translational Research – Debbie Hicks, UK
Paediatric Oncology in Developing Countries – Akash Kumar, India
- Nöllenburg Prize
Laskar Siddhartha, India
- Schweisguth Prize lecture
Amaury Leruste, France
- Poster Discussion winners

Due to the change in the program those will be selected Saturday and will receive their notifications by email from the SIOP Office after the meeting.

Steve Hunger reported that changes to the program that have been implemented in 2018 have been well-received and the society will continue to extend the meeting to Day 3 to a full day, provide drinks and food and drinks at poster sessions, and reformat poster discussion sessions. The SC together with the board will review the format again after this meeting with the delegate survey results in mind. He added that this year, the PODC sessions on the morning of Day 3 have been eliminated and he feels that the committee is now fully integrated into the main meeting program.

Steve Hunger presented some selected highlights for the 2020 congress in Ottawa as per the following:

- Keynote: Developing and testing epigenetic therapy in paediatric cancer
- Symposium: SIOP and the Global Initiative Against Childhood Cancer
- Symposium: The Role of Artificial Intelligence in Paediatric Oncology
- Meet the Expert: The risks and potential benefits of cannabinoid therapy
- in paediatric oncology

He added that he and Lillian are looking forward to work together with the SIOP 2020 LOC chair, Donna Johnston on the Ottawa meeting.

11. Report from the Treasurer

Scott Howard (Secretary General) presented the treasurer report on behalf of Gregory Reaman, who could not be present at the assembly.

Audited Accounts

Scott Howard presented the income and expenses statement of SIOP for the year 2018-2019 (1st August 2018 to 31 July 2019). He noted that the total income for the year was €626'203 and the total expenditure was €717'282 with a negative balance remaining of €91'079. The negative income for this year is mainly due to some unforeseen expenses and sponsorship that did not materialize.

He added that SIOP collected minimal interest, but assets are not large enough to hedge any investment money. We do keep reserves on our UBS account in Geneva to stay liquid. The bulk of the expenses is on administration, operational expenses, board meetings and scholarships and awards.

Since the Lyon meeting was yet another record breaking meeting, he foresees that the 2019/2019 financial results of the society will be much better and the board has also been working very hard on securing additional funding in the format of online educational grants etc.

Furthermore, membership income has decreased in 2018/2019. The board is currently reviewing the current fee structure and will make improvements to the membership benefits to obtain a higher membership number and income for the next fiscal year.

Budget 2018-2019

He continued to present the operation budget for 2019/2020 which needs to be approved by membership. He reminded members again that the budget has been split into operational expenses and those special projects supported by the reserves and presented the 2019-2020 budget which anticipates a profit of approximately €10'000. Scott Howard added that the royalty payments from Wiley will fall away as of 2019/2020 due to our renegotiated contract jointly with ASPHO and at the same time, subscriptions fees of USD 60 will also fall away going forward. Scott Howard proposed that the budget for 2019-2020 be accepted.

Scott Howard reported that the accounts had been audited by a professional auditor who found no issues. Scott Howard proposed that the audited financial statement for 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019 be accepted.

Further updated included:

TAX STATUS SWITZERLAND

SIOP has been officially granted the tax-exempt status in Switzerland for an unlimited time.

MEMBERSHIP

We are currently looking into further optimizing our membership structure and congress registration offer (especially regarding emeritus members, continental branch members and organizational membership).

CURRENCY

We are looking into changing our operational currency into a more stable one since the EURO might face issues in the next couple of years and since most of our membership sits outside the EU, this might make renewals and joining our society easier.

There were no questions from the audience.

Decisions:

- The Meeting voted to approve the (audited) financial statements as at 31 July 2019.
- The budget 2019-2020 was approved.

12. Report from the Head of Global Advocacy

Julia Challinor reported on the past year's activities and achievements of the Advocacy committee.

Committee

J Challinor presented the advocacy committee to the assembly. She explained that Giorgio Perilongo is now Head of Global advocacy and Gabriele Calaminus, Julia Challinor and Susanne Wollaert will remain as liaison officers for all WHO related activities such as the joint work plan as non-state actor and the Global Childhood Cancer Initiative. Furthermore, the continental presidents, PODC co-chairs, Childhood Cancer International (CCI) and the nursing committee of SIOP will remain valuable members for input to all matters related to the above mentioned.

SIOP Formal WHO Workplan with Partners

Julia Challinor reported that the Annual reporting of the collaboration between WHO and The International Society of Paediatric Oncology (non-state actor) for the period 2018 - 2020 in the context of Official Relations with WHO has been filed in January 2019. Partners aside from WHO are namely St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Childhood Cancer International (CCI), The Aslan Project and World Child Cancer.

SIOP/ WHO workplan: 2018 – 2020

The WHO programme areas for the joint work plan are integrated people centred health services and Noncommunicable diseases.

Examples of areas identified by WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer with SIOP support, including many professionals from PODC

- Assessment of childhood cancer capacity in some target countries (e.g. Ghana)
- Essential medicines & priority medical devices
- Health worker competencies for comprehensive childhood cancer care
- National cancer control planning

She reported that the achievements and developments through SIOP membership have been integrated into the SIOP/WHO workplan and have contributed greatly to its success. The next annual report to WHO about the progress of the joint work plan is due in December 2019.

WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative

Julia Challinor continued to report that Michael Sullivan, President SIOP Oceania, has been appointed as GICC /SIOP Liaison person for the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer, which was launched in September 2018.

She went on to summarize the WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative to the assembly. The goal is to reach at least a 60% survival rate for children with cancer by 2030 which will save an additional one million lives. The aim is to increase global and national prioritization of childhood cancer through awareness and expand countries' capacity to deliver best practice. To achieve this, WHO will support governments to assess current capacities in cancer diagnosis and treatment including the availability of medicines and technologies. Another area of focus is to set and cost priority cancer diagnosis and treatment programs which can then be translated into childhood cancer national strategies through integrating health benefits packages and social insurance scheme.

She added that most of the WHO working Groups closed in June 2019 and the committee is now waiting to hear from WHO about the plans for stage 2.

Kyoto 2018

André Ilbawi (WHO technical officer) was invited to say a few words at the opening ceremony in Kyoto alongside other dignitaries including HRH Princess Dina Mired from Jordan. This was followed by a 2nd meeting of WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer Working Groups (Policies, Access, Quality and Advocacy).

In-country workshops

She continued to give a brief report about each in-country workshop where SIOP has been involved and had adequate representation. The workshops held in Myanmar, Philippines and Peru have been very successful and a first step towards the further realisation of the major aims of the initiative. Future WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer Workshops will be held in:

- UZBEKISTAN - 29 & 30 October 2019
- GHANA - 18 & 19 November 2019
- MOROCCO - TBD
- UKRAINE - TBD

Overview of Global Childhood Cancer Initiative Session

Julia Challinor stated that the session about the updates of the WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative held on Wednesday, 23rd of October, from 17.30 18.30 was well attended and a great opportunity to answer questions by delegates and members. The panel was comprised of the following key people:

Chair: Michael Sullivan (SIOP liaison WHO GICC)

Invited Speakers: Andre Ilbawi (WHO GICC), Cath Lam (WHO)

Panelists:

- Eric Bouffet (SIOP President)
- Carlos Galindo Rodriguez (St Jude Children's Research Hospital, USA)
- Marilys Corbex (WHO)
- Ruth Hoffmann (Chair CCI)
- Liliana Vasquez (Peru)
- Lorna Renner (Ghana)

13. Report from PODC

Sandra Luna-Fineman presented the various working groups of the PODC committee to the assembly.

There are currently 11 working groups and 4 task forces which now represents young investigators from low income countries as well. She also welcomed the new working group chairs to the team:

- Patient, Family and Stakeholder Engagement Task Force: Alta Bence
- Psychosocial Task Force: Nicole Schneider
- Nursing WG: Liz Sniderman & Yuliana Hanaratri

- Essential Medicine: Federico Antillon

She added that there has also been a change in leadership with Muhammad Saghir Khan replacing Alan Davidson as co-chair of the committee.

Sandra Lune-Fineman continued to outline the activities and priorities for 2020.

The WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative

- Adapted Treatment Regimens
- Improving Access to Essential Medicines
- Advancing Baseline Standards in Nursing and Twinning
- Twinning Roadmap and guideline
- Education, online or real time for everyone on CancerPointe
- Supportive Care, Nutrition, Palliative Care, Integrative Medicine and Research
- YIs, the SIOP WT Collab, PROS, PFSE, Psychosocial etc.

14. Report from the “Pediatric Blood and Cancer”

Peter Newburger, Editor-in-Chief for PBC, began by welcoming all new editorial board members and recognizing editors. He shared the summary of submissions by article type to the journal from 2017 – 2019 which seem stable at 1300 in total each year. The acceptance rate has been 36% for 2019 (YTD) with turnaround times of 31-60 days (majority of articles).

He continued to display the download trends per region (from 2011 – 2018) which are led by the USA and Europe with a stable impact factor of 2.49.

Peter Newburger ended his brief report by displaying the top cited articles from 2016/2017.

15. Report from the YI-NET

Jess Morgan reported on the activities and updated of the SIOP young investigator (YI) group in the past year. She started off by clarifying the term “Young Investigator”. Within SIOP a YI is anybody that is a SIOP member or associate member under the age of 40*, with clinical or academic background but no MD/PhD is required.

** if the potential YI is able to demonstrate that they have been away from the field, for example, for a career break, carers or parental leave or long term sick leave, this will be taken into account when considering the upper age limit*

The continued to present the highlights of the committee of 2019:

- Terms of reference
- Impact on SIOP as an organisation
 - Membership
 - Baby friendly congress
- Increased networks
 - Continental groups: SIOPE, SLAOP
 - IPSO
 - Joint YI/Nursing/PODC session

The YI educational day continues to grow in attendance and has reached a new participant record in 2019 with 176 attendees (2015: 70, 2016:100, 2017:135, 2018:137) the same as the YI Collaborative Event.

The group has also been very active on social media by sharing important scientific information, training opportunities and the latest relevant papers published by SIOP YIs, blog posts as well as childhood cancer awareness and social media events in Facebook. Finally, she thanked the outgoing board members, Austin Brown and Liliana Vasquez for their hard work and commitment and welcomed the new members, Stephanie Pons and Sarah Cohen-Gogo to the team.

16. Any other business

There was no other business to discuss.

17. Date of Next Annual Business Meeting

The next SIOP Annual Business Meeting will take place during SIOP 2020 Annual Meeting in Ottawa, Canada.

18. Q&A Session

There were no questions or discussion points raised by the assembly to the board.

19. Closing remarks

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 14:15.

The complete presentation slides of the annual assembly have been made available as PDF on "My SIOP" for all members to review.

Appendix 1 – Agenda

Item	By	Est. time
1. Welcome and Apologies for non-attendance	E. Bouffet	3'
2. Silence for those no longer with us	E. Bouffet	3'
3. Minutes of the 50th Meeting of SIOP	E. Bouffet	3'
3.1 Corrections/Amendments Matters arising not otherwise covered in Agenda		
4. Report from the President	E. Bouffet	3'
5. Report from the Secretary General	S. Howard	3'
6. Future SIOP Annual Meetings	S. Howard	3'
- Ottawa 2020 - Honolulu 2021 - Announcement SIOP 2022 venue		
7. Membership Voting	S. Howard	3'
- Requested modifications to the constitution		
8. SIOP Strategic Plan	K. Pritchard-Jones	3'
- Review of vision, mission, objectives and goals		
9. Continental President Reports	S. Howard	
- Africa	L. Hessissen	3'
- Asia	R. Dalvi	3'
- Europe	P. Kearns	3'
- Oceania	M. Sullivan	3'
- Latin America	A. Moreno	3'
- North America	L. Frazier	3'
10. Report from the Scientific Committee Chair	S. Hunger	3'
11. Report from the Treasurer	G. Reaman	3'
12. Report from Advocacy	G. Perilongo & G Calaminus	3'
13. Report from PODC	A. Davidson & S. Luna-Fineman	3'
14. Report from "Paediatric Blood and Cancer"	P. Newburger	3'
15. Report from SIOP YI-NET	J. Morgan	3'
16. Any other business	E. Bouffet	3'
17. Date of next ABM	E. Bouffet	3'
18. Q&A Session	All	
Discussion and feedback session Members can ask questions to board		20'
19. Closing Remarks	E. Bouffet	3'

