

**48th Congress of the International Society of Paediatric
Oncology (SIOP)
Annual Business Meeting
Friday, 21 October, 2016
THE CONVENTION CENTRE DUBLIN (CCD)
Dublin, Ireland
Meeting room - Liffey Hall 1*
12:50 – 14:20*
MINUTES**

Participants:

Giorgio Perilongo – SIOP President
Eric Bouffet – SIOP President Elect
Paul Rogers – SIOP Secretary General
Gregory Reaman – SIOP Treasurer
François Doz – Chair of the SIOP Scientific Committee
Gabriele Calaminus – Head Global Advocacy
Thomas Gross (Deputy Editor) on behalf Peter Newburger – Pediatric Blood and Cancer (PBC) Editor-in-Chief
Ramandeep Arora – PODC co-chair
Julia Challinor – PODC co-chair
Heather Danysh – SIOP Young Investigator Committee
Perry Gil-Ran – Kenes Senior Account Manager
Susanne Wollaert – SIOP Secretariat
Tchiaska Jeanneret – SIOP Secretariat

Total attendance: 188 SIOP members of 1218 (as per the current by-laws article 6.1 a quorum of 5% of total society membership has been achieved)

Agenda: kindly refer to Appendix 1

1. Welcome and Apologies for non-attendance

Giorgio Perilongo welcomed the participants and thanked them for joining.

2. Silence for those no longer with us

All participants observed a minute of silence for those who are no longer with us, especially Prof Sergio Fasanelli, Alfred G Knudson, Prof. WANG Yao-ping and Dr Dan Hays.

3. Minutes of the 47th Meeting of SIOP

3.1 Corrections/amendments

The minutes from the last Annual Business Meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa on Saturday 10 October 2015 were approved.

3.2 Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda

No other matters have been added to the agenda by the present SIOP members.

4. Report from the President

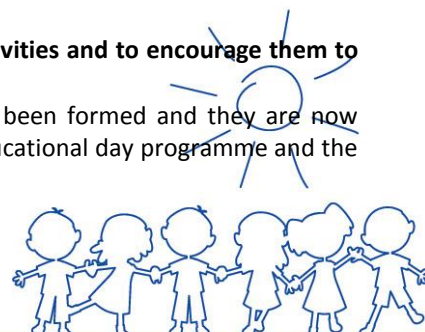
Giorgio Perilongo (outgoing president) presented the final report and status on the SIOP "Objective and Goals" 2014-2016 to the audience.

- **To advocate globally for children with cancer and their families:**

As of July 2016, a SIOP application to become an official NGO in relations with WHO has been submitted by the SIOP Advocacy team. He added that the aim of this application is to be able to influence the global health policy in favor of children with cancer and thanked the Global Advocacy Committee lead by Gabriele Calaminus.

- **To promote the participation of young professionals in SIOP activities and to encourage them to become members:**

G Perilongo stated that an active Young Investigator group has been formed and they are now animating the SIOP «life» for over two years with an excellent educational day programme and the development of new initiatives and projects.



He thanked the young investigator committee Heather Danysh (USA), Anna Font-Gonzalez (The Netherlands), Saskia Gooskens (The Netherlands), Rene Marke (The Netherlands) and Reineke Schoot (The Netherlands) as well as their mentors François Doz, Stephen Hunger and the entire SIOP Scientific Committee.

- **To improve SIOP's visibility by enhancing our internal and external communications:**

G Perilongo reported that a new interactive SIOP webpage has been developed along with new branding and visual identity guidelines. He thanked the Website and Communications Committee lead by Paul Rogers.

- **To focus attention on future needs of research in paediatric oncology:**

He announced that there has been a special award in 2016 called the **"Robert J. Arceci Innovation Award"**. This has been made available to both North American and International scientists by the St Baldrick's Foundation.

Additionally, a Global closed/on invitation symposia focused on cutting-edge research and diseases that need a global research approach have been made a constitutive part of the SIOP Annual Congress. He thanked the SIOP Scientific Committee and St. Baldrick's Foundation.

- **To explore possible partnerships with sister societies sharing the same mission and vision and elaborate a common agenda:**

G Perilongo reported that Effective dialogues and common actions have been and/or under considerations with IPSO, PROS, CCI, WCC, COG, SLAOP, UICC, St Jude, the Paediatric European Pathology Society and the International Psycho-oncology Society.

- **To increase SIOP membership and to have a vibrant society which understands and fulfils the needs of its members:**

He reported that a new membership structure has been elaborated and it is currently under a final approval process and more information will be shared with members once finalized.

G Perilongo continued to report on the status of the "Internal actions" 2014-2016:

- A new and modern operational structure of the Society has been implemented
- Standard Operative Procedures have been written
- An electronic repository of pertinent documents has been completed
- A policy registry of strategic decision has been implemented
- A proposal policy for increasing SIOP revenues has been elaborated
- Standardized summary reports of the Annual Meeting have been elaborated
- A congress book has been written
- An informal SIOP History has been published

Additionally, a final report regarding the relationship with Kenes has been produced and essentially it says that SIOP would like to thank Susanne Wollaert and Perry Gil-Ran for their work for SIOP.

He added that the society:

- is in a good shape
- Is a dynamic and vibrant society capable of meeting the changing need of its members
- has a widely recognized highly international status and it is predicted that it will be able to influence the global health politics very soon;
- remains "young"

G Perilongo ended his presentation by stating that is has been a pleasure for him to serve SIOP as a president and officially thanked the entire SIOP Board of Directors, committees, working groups and the Kenes team. He wished Dr Eric Bouffet who will be the next SIOP President the best of luck.

5. Report from the Secretary General

Updates from the board

Paul Rogers started his presentation by informing the present members about the upcoming changes in the board and what effect this will have on the commercial register in Geneva (Switzerland).



SIOP Executive Board Members:

President – Dr Giorgio Perilongo
President Elect – Dr Eric Bouffet
Secretary General – Dr Paul Rogers
Treasurer – Dr Gregory Reaman
Scientific Committee Chair: François Doz

The new President will become registered signatory on the Trade Registry in Geneva, he will have the authority to sign by joint signature of two.

Modifications for the Commercial Register:

The General Assembly was chaired by Giorgio Perilongo (President), Eric Bouffet (President Elect) and Paul Rogers as Secretary.

New appointment:

The following Executive officers are to be appointed:

- Dr Eric Bouffet, from Canada, Toronto, CA
He is appointed as President, with authority to sign by joint signature of two.
- Dr Giorgio Perilongo, from Italy, Padua, IT
He is no longer President and his authority to sign is revoked.

All the above changes to the Commercial Register were accepted unanimously by the General Assembly.

Additionally, Prof François Doz, current Scientific committee chair, will also end his term at the end of this congress and will be followed by Dr Stephen Hunger. Prof Doz will stay on the SC for another year as past chair to support and guide Dr Hunger.

The following members will begin their term:

- Stephen Hunger – Scientific Committee Chair
- Jeffrey Dome – SIOP 2017 LOC Chair
- Richard Grundy – new SC member
- Lillian Sung – new SC member

2016 Congress attendance

He continued by reporting on the final congress attendance and stated that this is a record meeting for SIOP with 2321 delegates.

Lifetime Achievement Award

P Rogers then informed members about the upcoming elections which will entail the Nomination and election for Treasurer Elect and Nomination and election for one position on the Scientific Committee. All SIOP Members will be notified by email about the process and timelines in due time.

He continued to present the new SIOP Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon any present or past member of the Society for his/her substantial contributions to paediatric oncology. The awardee will be present at the General Assembly to receive honours from the board.

SIOP will cover the following for you as part of the award:

- Free registration to the annual meeting
- Economy class round-trip flight
- Taxi fare between the airport and the hotel
- 3 nights' accommodation

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In regards to the selection process, P Rogers added that nominations to be made by SIOP members in good standing (February to April) and a final selection made by a committee composed of Scientific Committee members and Board (expanded). The nominee will need to be a long standing SIOP member active in paediatric oncology.

Membership

Paul Rogers presented the membership report. As of October 2016, SIOP had 1218 members. He added that the board is currently working on a new and improved membership structure and members will receive more information in 2017 since this will need to be voted on by the Assembly during the 2017 Annual meeting held in Washington DC:

Sosido Network

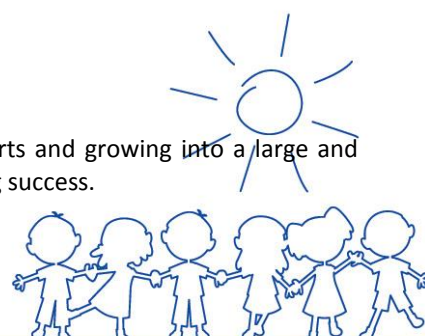
Paul Rogers reported on the latest SOSIDO updates and explained that currently there are 1153 members and 411 followers in the SIOP community on Sosido and the society is working to improve and add information in regards to news updates, social media etc.

6. Report from the Scientific Committee Chairman

François Doz thanked all members of the SPAC and Scientific Committee for their work to prepare this congress. He explained that 1475 abstracts had been submitted for SIOP 2016 congress. He explained that the structure had followed the usual structure of 8 keynotes, 10 symposia and 6 meet the expert session. Finally, the Scientific committee selected 3 among the 30 submitted for the SIOP late breaking abstract session. There was also a specific clinical trial session for the first time. 2321 people from 100 countries were registered for this SIOP meeting in Dublin.

SIOP Prizes and Awards

- Young Investigator Award
François Doz said that the Young Investigators award, introduced in 2014, has become an annual award by SIOP now and he awarded the 2016 recipients.
- SIOP Awards
He awarded the SIOP Awards:
CLINICAL TRIALS - Jeff Michalski
BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH - David Teachey
PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - Federico Antillon
- 2016 D'Anqio Lecture
Dr Stéphane Supiot
Integrated Centre of Oncology in Nantes, France
"Combining Radiotherapy and Immunotherapy: A Radiation Oncologist's Perspective"
- Fasanelli Prize
Eric Mascard
"Local Relapse in Patients Treated in the French OS2006 Study: Risk Factors and Outcome".
- Schweisguth Prize
Jonathon Torchia
"Integrated Genomic and Epi-Genomic Analyses identify Sub-Group Specific Therapeutic Targets in CNS Rhabdoid Tumors"
- St Baldrick Foundation Robert J Arceci Innovation Award
1st International Winner, Dr Sam Behjati, University of Oxford
- Poster Awards
In total 17 Poster Awards have been granted.



Additionally, Prof Doz reminded the audience of the major quality criteria for abstract selection that will be used in 2017:

- Prospective multi-centric studies: there is a planned “international clinical trial session” day 3
- Presentation of large translational works
- Inter-tumour works will be supported (pathway, targets, immunology)

He added that case reports and small institutional series of limited added scientific value were not encouraged. He said that St Baldrick's would be included in the programme for SIOP 2017 Congress again with a symposium and more information will follow shortly. However, the main topic was already selected and the speaker selection was initiated.

He thanked both Dr Hunger (next SC chair) and Dr Jeffrey Dome for their support and all the best of luck for the SIOP 2017 meeting in Washington DC.

7. Report from the chair of the Global Advocacy Committee

Gabriele Calaminus reported on the SIOP Advocacy activities. She reminded the membership again that the Advocacy group was formed in 2012 in SIOP including SIOP board, Continental Presidents, Nurse representative, PODC representative and CCI representative.

Advocacy Task Force Overview

The Advocacy Task Force 2015-2016 which is also the direct collaborator on WHO level was comprised of Gabriele Calaminus – Head of Global Advocacy – Tim Eden – Former SIOP President - Julia Challinor – Advocacy Officer – Carmen Auste – CCI Chair - Ruth Hoffman – CCI Vice-Chair – Susanne Wollaert – Kenes representative.

Outgoing members of the Task Force are Mariana Kruger – Africa Continental President (2014-2016), Akira Nakagawara – Asia Continental President (2014-2016) and Ramandeep Aurora-PODC co-chair. Incoming members are Chi-Kong Li – Asia Continental President (2016-2019), Alan Davidson new PODC co-chair, Lorna Renner – Africa Continental President (2016-2019) and Rachel Hollis – Nursing.

SIOP Advocacy Landmark Event

G Calaminus continued to report on the past events that have been organized together with CCI and WHO. One of them was the SIOP Advocacy Landmark Event 68th World Health Assembly, 18 May 2015 under the theme of Childhood Cancer: The Importance of universal access to treatment, care and support supported by governments of Germany, Ghana, Philippines & Russian Federation. Additionally, there has been WHO Strategic Meeting on Childhood Cancer 25 August 2015 with the objective to translate momentum gained by the WHA 2015 side event into concrete actions supporting national capacity building in childhood cancer management.

Further Activities 2015-2016

WHO Geneva (together with CCI) working towards WHO recognition as official NGOs including Presentations by potential WHO clusters that could collaborate with childhood cancer initiative Exploration of structure of collaboration.

There have also been Multiple meetings with WHO Geneva, at the Geneva Health Forum, 3 WHO/SIOP/CCI Childhood Cancer workshops and finalized WHO/SIOP Work plan which has been submitted for application July 2016 (review by WHO Executive Board by January 2017).

SIOP's WHO 2016-2019 Workplan

G Calaminus thanked the SIOP WHO work plan partners World Child Cancer, St Jude and The Asian Project.

Objective 1- Improve Early Diagnosis and Childhood Cancer Awareness

- Collaboration in development, planning and follow-up of regional and national workshops on improving childhood cancer care
- Develop workplan with local stakeholders



- Undertake advocacy and dissemination activities with WHO, drawing on the scope of expertise and contact networks of SIOP members and partners

Objective 2 – Human Workforce Strengthening

- Strengthen human resource capacity in childhood cancer care
- Training, retention & recognition of specialty providers in childhood cancer care

Objective 3 – Essential Medicines and Technology

- Develop operating framework, tools and mechanisms for implementing situational analysis and needs assessment of Essential Medicines
- Assess barriers to quality, affordable essential medicines and priority medical technologies for treatment of childhood cancers
- Advocate and develop programmes to increase access to essential medicines and technologies

The idea for the next months is to continue work with Ghana, Ethiopia, and Myanmar on SIOP WHO workplan, potentially adding Fiji and Kazakhstan and achieve a significant reduction in mortality from childhood cancer in target countries by 2019.

Nursing Awards for Paediatric Oncology Nurses

G Calaminus thanked Sanofi Espoir Foundation for their continuous support and congratulated the 10 winners of the 2016 My Child Matters Awards.

8. Report from the Treasurer

Income and expenses

Gregory Reaman presented the income and expenses statement of SIOP for the year 2015-2016 (1st August 2015 to 31 July 2016). He noted that the total income for the year was €458'316 and the total expenditure was 459'651. The incomes have slightly increased since for this year the income on congress was double since SIOP received the London 2012 profit that was still outstanding. Furthermore, membership incomes are also slightly up since the society has increased the fee and we also have more members. He also explained that the meetings expenses have increased due to support of Continental Meetings with EUR 5000 each and journal subscriptions are up due to increase in membership.

Gregory Reaman reported that the accounts had been audited by a professional auditor who found no issues. Gregory Reaman proposed that the audited financial statement for 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015 be accepted and requested that the Board and staff of the central office be discharged for their duties to the society.

Budget 2016-2017

He continued to present the operation budget for 2016/2017 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. Gregory Reaman presented the 2015-2016 budget which anticipates a profit of € 1778. He stated again that SIOP would need to increase its income and the board is currently considering various options. Gregory Reaman proposed that the budget for 2016-2017 be accepted.

Questions from the audience

There were no questions from the audience.

Decisions:

- The Meeting voted to approve the (audited) financial statements as at 31 July 2015.
- The Meeting voted to discharge the Board and the staff of the centralised office for their duties to the society
- The budget 2016-2017 was approved.



9. Membership voting

Gregory Reaman explained that in 2016 there are not items for membership voting.

10. Report from “Pediatric Blood and Cancer”

Thomas Gross (PBC Deputy Editor) presented the PBC report on behalf of Peter Newburger (Editor in Chief). He started with a historical overview of submissions to the journal and was happy to report the rate has been going up since 2010 from 1140 to a projected submission rate of 1353 in 2016. He continued to announce that the SIOP History has also been completed and published. Furthermore, he presented the current acceptance statistics and reported on the following special articles and series in progress:

- Adolescent/Young Adult
- History of SIOP
- On Children, Blood, and Cancer - Essays and reflections by caregivers, patients, and family members

The current impact factor of PBC is 2.634 (2015) coming from a 1.512 in 2005.

T Gross continued his presentation by presenting the top 5 most cited articles in 2015 and the most downloaded articles online. There were no further questions from the audience.

11. Report from PODC

Ramandeep Arora, Julia Challinor and Alan Davidson (new incoming co-chair) presented their PODC committee report. They started off with presenting the current PODC structure and updates to this over the last year. There are currently 9 Working Groups and 4 Task Forces in 2016. They continued to report that they are very pleased to announce that Alan Davidson, head of the Paediatric Haematology-Oncology Service at the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa, is the in-coming PODC co-Chair and will take office in Dublin.

They officially thanked Ramandeep Arora for all his services and efforts as co-chair over the past years. The presentation continued with describing the impact of all PODC efforts and activities from 2010 until 2016 on SIOP and closed with congratulating the 20 PODC Scholarship recipients.

12. Future SIOP Annual Meetings

SIOP 2017 Congress

Paul Rogers announced that the SIOP 2017 Congress will be held from October 12-17, 2017 in Washington, USA. The LOC chair will be Dr Jeffrey Dome.

SIOP 2018 Congress

Paul Rogers announced that the SIOP 2018 Congress will be held from November 16-19, 2018 in Kyoto, Japan. The LOC chair will be Dr Akira Nakagawara.

SIOP 2019 Congress

Paul Rogers congratulated the team around Dr Christophe Bergeron for submitting a successful bid to host the SIOP 2019 Congress in Lyon. The exact dates can be found shortly on the SIOP website.

13. Report from Website and Communication Committee

Paul Rogers presented the current committee and announce that in addition to Yuri Quintana, Jeremy Slone from the PODC Education & Training Working Group has also been asked to join. His group has just recently launched a free online education tool under www.cancerpointe.com

The committee will be considering how the SIOP website can be further improved and made user friendly. Additionally, the board would like to add further educational content and engage users more through interactive features.



14. Report from SIOP YI-NET

Heather Danysh reported on the SIOP YI NET activities. The 2016 Educational day has been a great success and Attendees with over 117 attendees (coming from 63 in 2015), 8 Speakers, Lectures and workshops and a great Meet-the-Expert lunch (63 YIs). The group also thanked Texas Children's Cancer Center for the sponsorship of the Junior Investigator Collaborative Event with 150 attendees (vs 100 in Cape Town in 2015) and congratulated the winner of the prize raffle. H Danysh reported that the social media platforms of the group are very active and they will also launch a blog by the end of the year on the SIOP website.

She closed her presentation with showcasing the future of the group which include:

- SIOP 2017: Washington DC, USA, Educational Day planning
- Expand the YI Network
 - Collaboration with other YI
 - Mentorship programme
 - Blog
 - Scholarships for YI from LMIC
 - Fundraising
 - Crowd funding
 - Run

15. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

16. Date of Next Annual Business Meeting

The next SIOP Annual Business Meeting will take place during SIOP 2017 in Washington DC, USA.

17. Closure of meeting

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 14:20.



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