

Annual Business Meeting
Saturday 10 October 2015
Meeting room 1.41, CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa
12:50 – 14:20

Minutes

Participants:

Giorgio Perilongo – SIOP President
Gabriele Calaminus – SIOP Immediate Past-President
Paul Rogers – SIOP Secretary General
Gregory Reaman – SIOP Treasurer
François Doz – Chair of the SIOP Scientific Committee
Eric Bouffet – SIOP President Elect
Alan Davidson – Chair of the SIOP 2015 Local Organising Committee
Michael Kaplan – Chair of the SIOP 2016 Local Organising Committee
Perry Gil-Ran – Kenes Senior Account Manager
Susanne Wollaert – SIOP Secretariat
Lorraine de Montmollin – SIOP Secretariat
Total attendance: 113 SIOP members

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 Robert Arceci, Jesus Reyes-Kattar and Cynthia Kretschmar.

3. Minutes of the 46th Meeting of SIOP

The minutes from the last Annual Business Meeting held in Toronto, Canada on Friday 24 October 2014 were approved.

4. Report from the President

Giorgio Perilongo presented the Annual Report document that was shared with all members before the meeting. He explained that this report was updating on the achievements of SIOP on the objectives and goals that the current Board had set for its term:

- To advocate globally for children with cancer and their families

Giorgio Perilongo said that SIOPI's aim to play a political role on a global scale had led to concrete actions, leading to strong interactions with the World Health Organization (WHO).

- To focus on future research needs and encouraging young professionals in paediatric oncology to join SIOPI

Giorgio Perilongo explained that resources and energies had been invested in the SIOPI Young Investigators Group to encourage the participation and involvement of young doctors and researchers in SIOPI. He added that the Executive Board was discussing the idea of a meeting on future need of research in paediatric oncology to be held at SIOPI 2016.

- To improve SIOPI's visibility by enhancing our internal and external communications

Giorgio Perilongo explained that Paul Rogers had taken the lead of the website and communication committee. He explained that the goal of this committee was to renew the website and communications with SIOPI members.

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

Giorgio Perilongo explained that the project of creating a virtual committee was under discussion.

- To explore possible partnerships with societies sharing the same mission and vision and elaborating a common agenda

He explained that ongoing discussions were held with the various partners (IPSO, PROS, CCI, UICC, several foundations, WHO) to ensure that all parties benefit from synergies. He added that one of the main objectives was to ensure to offer annual high standard quality scientific meetings.

He thanked all those who dedicate time to support SIOPI in its goal to support the children affected by cancer.

5. Report from the Secretary General

Elections

Paul Rogers presented the following changes on the Board of Directors:

The following Continental Presidents will step down:

- Stewart Kellie Continental President Oceania
- Mariana Kruger Continental President Africa
- Akila Nagakawara Continental President Asia
- Gilles Vassal Continental President Europe
- Silvia Brandalise Continental President Latin America
- Lisa Diller Continental President North America

The following Continental Presidents will start their term as of the end of SIOPI 2015 Congress:

- Michael Sullivan Continental President Oceania
- Lorna Renner Continental President Africa
- Chi-Kong Li Continental President Asia
- Martin Schrappe Continental President Europe
- Juan Quintana Continental President Latin America
- Lindsay Frazier Continental President North America

Kathy Pritchard-Jones suggested if the election of continental presidents be staggered. Paul Rogers said he would take this comment into account.

Paul Rogers reminded all that Eric Bouffet had been elected as President Elect, and Stephen Hunger would be replacing François Doz as Scientific Committee chair as of SIOP 2016 Congress in Dublin.

Paul Rogers congratulate the newly elected members. He informed that the election for the Secretary General as well as two positions within the scientific committee would be held in 2016.

Membership

Paul Rogers presented the membership report. As of October 2015 SIOP had 1025 members. He said that a new system was in place enabling an active member to sponsor a *new or current* member from low income countries or middle income countries so as to facilitate SIOP membership

Sosido Network

Paul Rogers said that SIOP and IPSO had launched Sosido Communities, sharing a digest of publications in the field of paediatric oncology.

SIOP 2017 Congress

Paul Rogers announced that the SIOP 2017 Congress would be held from October 12-17, 2017 in Washington, USA.

SIOP 2018 Congress

Paul Rogers announced that the SIOP 2018 Congress would be in Kyoto, Japan. He said that dates would be confirmed later on.

SIOP website

Paul Rogers presented the website & communication committee who worked on the renewal of the website and announced that the website was now live. Susanne Wollaert from the SIOP Secretariat presented the major features of the new site to the present members.

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 1049 abstracts had been submitted for SIOP 2015 congress. He explained that the structure had followed the usual structure of 8 keynotes, 10 symposia and 6 meet the experts. Finally, the Scientific committee selected 2 among the 28 submitted for the second SIOP late breaking abstract session. 1429 people from 94 countries were registered for this SIOP meeting in Cape Town.

SIOP Awards

François Doz said that the Young Investigators award, introduced in 2014 was continued year and he awarded the 2015 recipients.

Eric Zhou
Eva Clemens
Liliana Vasquez
Elliot Stieglitz
Andrew Toyin Olagunju
Kornelius Kerl
Lata Singh
Shazia Bana
Atul Batra
Kathryn Demanelis
Sumaira Punjwani
Jessica Morgan
Sterkenburg Anthe
Galen Wright
Alvaro Lassaletta
Martine Van Grotel

He awarded the SIOP Awards:

- Paediatric Oncology in Developing Countries to Sandra Luna Fineman
- Clinical Trials to Ruth Ladenstein & Eiso Hiyaama
- Basic and Translational Research to Marcel Kool

He awarded the Nöllengurg Prize to M. Nathrath with his work entitled «The Genomic Landscape in Osteosarcoma»

He thanked the Young Investigators Committee, created by the Young Investigators awarded in 2014. He explained that they had created an educational day session during SIOP 2015 pre-congress day and acknowledged the great work they had achieved.

He reminded the major quality criteria for abstract selection that will be used in 2016:

- 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 said 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 2016 Congress as it had been agreed on the principle to have symposium at lunch break and that the topic was selected and the speakers selection was initiated.

7. Report from the chair of the Global Advocacy Committee

Gabriele Calaminus reported on the SIOP Advocacy activities.

She explained that SIOP Advocacy group had been working on increasing the awareness on the political level for the situation of children and adolescents with cancer in collaboration with other supporting organisations and foundations such as Sanofi Espoir foundations.

She said the committee had been working with CCI to prepare the World Health Assembly, enabling to add Childhood and adolescent cancer on the global agenda. In parallel, SIOP is working on the registration of SIOP as an NGO in official relations with the WHO.

Gabriele Calaminus explained that the Russian Federation, in partnership with other countries had used the 2015 WHA as a platform to elevate the fight against childhood cancer and avoidable childhood deaths as a top global health priority. She explained that the objective of this event had been to demonstrate that childhood diseases must not be neglected within the Non-Communicable Diseases Agenda, which at present, primarily focuses on adults between 30 and 70 years of age.

Gabriele Calaminus reported that the SIOP/Sanofi Espoir Foundation Annual Nursing Awards for Paediatric Oncology Nurses had been awarded to Nurses who submitted applications in the field of Education or professional practices improvement.

She reported that a strategic meeting on Childhood cancer had been held to define concrete actions, following the WHA 2015 discussion.

She explained that September was the International “Childhood Cancer Awareness Month” and that a poster had been created by SIOP Nurses to celebrate Paediatric Oncology Nurses Day” on September 8th.

8. Report from the Treasurer

Income and expenses

Gregory Reaman presented the income and expenses statement of SIOP for the year 2014-2015 (1st August 2014 to 31 July 2015). He noted that the total income for the year was €295 340 and the total expenditure was €373 386. He raised that SIOP income was relatively fixed. He reminded that Kenes contract stipulate that the surplus of the congress income would be divided 67% to SIOP and 33% to Kenes with a guaranteed income of 300'000 EUR over 3 years (balanced over the 3 congresses).

Gregory Reaman presented the expenses and said he had separated the operational expenses from those special projects supported by the reserves. Julia Challinor asked what educational tracks were covered by the support from SIOP. Gregory Reaman said that the educational support was aimed to support the efforts of continental meetings when required main SIOP track but that support to other tracks would be possible in the future.

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 2013 to 31 July 2014 be accepted and requested that the Board and staff of the central office be discharged for their duties to the society.

Budget 2015-2016

Gregory Reaman presented the 2015-2016 budget which anticipates a loss of €53 622. He said that due to the many projects SIOP currently had, SIOP would need to increase its income. Gregory Reaman proposed that the budget for 2015-2016 be accepted.

Questions from the audience

Julia Challinor inquired for what exactly the Education budget was used for? Gregory Reaman answered that most of it was going towards supporting speakers for the educational day prior to the annual Congress.

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 2015-2016 was approved.

Vision & Mission

Gregory Reaman presented some changes to the Vision and Mission of the society.

Membership fee change

Gregory Reaman presented the suggested increased membership fees (10% annually) to palliate the increased expenses of SIOP for various projects. He asked to disregard the proposed adjustment to fees for Ordinary Members from Supported Countries. No changes will be made at this time to the currently used methods for determining special rate categories based upon World Bank classification of national incomes.

9. Membership voting

All attendees voted for the Vision & Mission change and for the membership fee change.

10. Report from “Pediatric Blood and Cancer”

Gregory Reaman presented the PBC report. He said that a special report had been published to honor Robert Arceci. He reported that Thomas Gross had been elected as Deputy Editor of PBC and that Daniel Wechsler Associate Director.

11. Report from PODC

Ramandeep Arora and Julia Challinor presented their report. Julia Challinor explained that the SIOP PODC had 10 working groups, gathering 167 members from 41 countries. He said that the committee was organizing several sessions for the congress (Brain Tumour Symposium, Free Papers). He presented the work of the various working groups as well as the main ongoing projects.

12. Report from SIOP YI-NET

Reineke Schoot reported on the SIOP YI NET activities. She said that the results of a questionnaire were used to define topics for the Educational Day session and a collaborative event dedicated to Young Investigators held in Cape Town. She added that SIOP YI committee members had been involved in SIOP website & communication committee and worked on creating a community on social media. She said that in the future the committee would work on the committee structure and on future congress contribution.

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

14. Date of Next Annual Business Meeting

The next SIOP Annual Business Meeting will take place during SIOP 2016 in Dublin, Ireland.

15. Closure of meeting

Questions from the audience

K Pritchard-Jones asked if it would not affect the continental branches negatively since all presidents are changing at the same time. Giorgio Perilongo answered that 3 of them were elects and could shadow the previous presidents in order to ensure continuity.

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