**Update from the SIOP Nursing Steering Committee**

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)**](https://siop.kenes.com/2018), 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)](https://siop-online.org/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.

Hope to see you in Kyoto!

On behalf of the SIOP Nursing Steering Committee,

Pernilla Pergert (Chair)