**Greetings from the SIOP Nursing Committee**

**August 2019**

**SIOP 2019**

The Nursing Committee has been busy organizing the nursing program and the educational day for the [**51st SIOP Congress**](https://siop-congress.org/) in Lyon, France in October 24-26, 2019. When you plan your travel to Lyon please note that as last year, the 3rd day of this year’s congress is a whole day and that the closing of the congress will be at 5 PM on Saturday, October 26. We are thrilled that ten nurses from LMIC with high scoring abstracts were provided scholarship support to attend the conference. The pre-conference educational day will offer joint sessions with Supportive Care, Young Investigators and patient/parent presenters, and will focus on home care, mentorship and psychosocial support of patients and families. **Sara Day, PhD RN FAAN** is the nursing keynote speaker; Dr. Day will discuss the need for international baseline standards for paediatric oncology care. Furthermore, we will continue the tradition started last year and announce the receiver of the Nursing Lifetime Achievement Award, bestowed upon an individual who has substantially contributed to paediatric oncology nursing.

**Nurses and the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)**

SIOP is involved in the WHO GICC, [see this link](https://siop-online.org/news/ensuring-a-right-to-cure-global-initiative-in-childhood-cancer/) for more information. A nurse is sent to represent SIOP at each of the national workshops in the selected target countries for this initiative. Furthermore, nursing was represented on several of the WHO GICC Working Groups, ensuring that the nursing voice was included in discussions around key issues such as chemotherapy safety, nutrition and positive practice environments. The participating nurses have remained in communication to plan for ongoing advocacy and strategizing around issues that impact nurses.

**PODC Nursing Workgroup**

The PODC Nursing Workgroup, co-chaired by Liz Sniderman and Yuliana Hanaratri, offers educational meetings, networking and mentorship opportunities for nurses from around the globe. The PODC Nursing group continues to focus on advocacy for the baseline standards, and has created a robust [website](https://siop-online.org/baseline-nursing-standards/) that includes an advocacy toolkit and translation of the Baseline Standards Summary in French, Portuguese, Spanish and Indonesian. This group has also been collaborating closely with Cancer POINTE to create a [nursing resource page](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__cancerpointe.com_nursing_&d=DwMFAg&c=4ZIZThykDLcoWk-GVjSLmy8-1Cr1I4FWIvbLFebwKgY&r=TmXN2u-XV4fUd8GbC_wtY-HLbL1sMS_jjuQZOmmaIBY&m=4g_XAfKbhxUqW7DEmKIzbiGdTfeMR665JNmzNnQmp2g&s=7SkxzZV6nxrAVK4nA0fSIZ_e6wiPPvzj0Tft7TjZpX4&e=), and has posted two new podcasts focused on challenges to delivery of quality paediatric oncology nursing care, available here: [POINTENursingPodcast-1](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.ghccpod.com_11-2Dpodc-2Dnursing-2D1_&d=DwMFaQ&c=qS4goWBT7poplM69zy_3xhKwEW14JZMSdioCoppxeFU&r=Y62wN10Mj7HlCzzMFyAkxK7pIVbMESHJ7kLwouVDZ77jXpVV1Bs9UTZnElwViPit&m=j9Y-qV2oOvrz13a_bNSDs65ZyIlePM3l5sdl0KRc2Go&s=FSe34rlpQsSn-xIVEM39AMvbh_L0RsgzAHXP4M4-d1s&e=) and [POINTENursingPodcast-2](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.ghccpod.com_13-2Dpodc-2Dnursing-2D2_&d=DwMFaQ&c=qS4goWBT7poplM69zy_3xhKwEW14JZMSdioCoppxeFU&r=Y62wN10Mj7HlCzzMFyAkxK7pIVbMESHJ7kLwouVDZ77jXpVV1Bs9UTZnElwViPit&m=A6Leb5GVMmQNzI1vnwM-wtYzEAm8nwI3hM0NXUwh3hg&s=MFYayFwJXuaAN0tIXoglOI8LYTzsoSq9rh3Da3MPk7U&e=).

The SIOP Nursing Committee anticipates an engaging and productive SIOP 2019 conference, and looks forward to connecting with you all in Lyon!