**SIOP Nursing Updates: Summer Newsletter**

**SIOP 2020 Virtual Congress**

COVID19 has caused significant disruption in our professional and personal lives, and has had a worldwide impact on those who care for young cancer patients and their families. In these unprecedented times, the resiliency and dedication of nurses on the front lines and in leadership roles has been spotlighted as the pandemic. The SIOP 2020 Virtual Congress will be an opportunity to celebrate “**The Year of the Nurse and Midwife**”, through a robust nursing program and pre-conference education day.

The pre-education day on Wednesday, October 14th will feature a joint Nursing/Young Investigators session on communication strategies when delivering bad news, along a collaborative session with Supportive Care on the topics of sleep disturbances, fertility preservation and nutrition. The main congress will be held Thursday through Saturday, October 15-17 and offers presentations on the top nursing abstracts from around the globe. We are thrilled to announce that Marilyn Hockenberry, PhD RN (Duke, USA), will give the nursing keynote lecture this year on “Symptoms Experienced During Childhood Cancer Treatment: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Assessment and Management”.  In addition, we will proudly acknowledge the third SIOP Nursing Lifetime Achievement Awardee for his/her substantial contributions to pediatric oncology nursing.

**Nursing Publication available in Multiple Languages**

We are excited to announce that the publication, written by members in the nursing steering committee in collaboration with WHO under the umbrella of the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer, titled “**An ethical imperative: Safety and specialization as nursing priorities of WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer**” is now available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. The translations are available online as supporting information to the article: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/pbc.28143>.

 Click on the link and scroll down to the end of the article, before the references you can find the translations under the heading ”Supporting Information”.

**SIOP PODC Nursing Updates**

On Thursday, May 14th, SIOP and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital held a webinar entitled “COVID-19 Implications for Pediatric Oncology Nurses” as part of the COVID Conversations series held through the Global COVID-19 Observatory and Resource Center for Childhood Cancer. The expert panel included Lisa Morrissey, RN MSN MPH, SIOP Nursing Steering Committee Chair; Julia Challinor, RN PhD, SIOP Secretary General-elect; Rehana Punjwani, RN BSN, SIOP Nursing Steering Committee member; and Lisa Kennedy Sheldon, PhD, ANP-BC, AOCNP, FAAN, representing the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS). The session was moderated by Liz Sniderman, MSN NP CPHON, SIOP PODC Nursing co-chair. The expert panel discussed the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on pediatric oncology nursing, highlighting the nursing specific guidelines from the recent publication "COVID-19 PANDEMIC: A Rapid Global Response for Children with Cancer", interim guidelines from the ONS, and other issues identified by nurses around the world. The webinar was attended by 272 health care providers from over 35 countries, allowing nurses around the world the opportunity to connect and share experiences during this unprecedented challenge.

Other nursing webinars held via the Global COVID-19 Observatory and Resource Center for Childhood Cancer have included regional sessions for Eurasia and Latin America and a self-care session for nurses in Asia Pacific. Nurses also participated in the multi-disciplinary panel focusing on the impact of COVID-19 on childhood cancer care in Africa.

A special issue of “Making Global Connections” Newsletter was disseminated in June, in which from pediatric oncology nurses from around the world shared their stories on coping with the COVID19 pandemic. Monthly educational sessions continue, including a joint SIOP/PODC Supportive Care session in June on Central Line Care by Lauri Linder.