

SIOP Africa Business Meeting
Luxury JW Marriott Hotel Cairo
Saturday, March 9
13:00 – 14:00



Invitees include delegates from Africa, those working in Africa, collaborators with African countries (see attached list).

President and chairman: Laila Hessissen (LH)

The agenda included:

1. Validation of the SIOP Africa 2018 ABM minutes
2. Electing representatives
3. Collaborations in Africa - protocols, research
 - Nurses group
 - WT group
 - TLM
 - HOPE
 - WCC
 - GFAOP.
 - Others
4. Parents and support groups CCI
5. Update on SIOP Africa 2021
6. SIOP Africa 2023 : Call for application
7. Update on WHO initiative
8. Any other issues

Minutes: Jeanette Parkes (JP)

- LH describes the SIOP Africa Exco, past presidents and Past meetings.
- New logo- created 2018
- Social media access: E-mail and Facebook

1. Validation of last AGM minutes

Corrections: P2 Julia Challinor, Jennifer Geel (JG)

Acceptance of minutes proposed by Joyce Kambugu and seconded by Alan Davidson (AD)

Minutes accepted

2. Electing representatives:

The cycle is for 4 years

Need representatives for East Africa and Francophone Africa and CCI representative

- East Africa proposed: Joyce Balagedde Kambugu - accepted
- Francophone: Robert Lukumba- declined, Jamila El Houdzi (Marrakech)-accepted
- CCI: Chair – Carl Queiros (CQ) accepted

CQ: CCI Africa has a regional group of 24 from 19 countries and has elected a committee

Whoever is chair and vice chair would automatically be member of SIOP Africa committee

Want to have a greater impact on childhood cancer in Africa

Focus on Pain management this year

3. Collaborative group reports:

- **Nurses group:** Glenn MBah

Focus to strengthen collaborations between various nursing groups through social media platform.

Looking at training and education focus. Will co-ordinate and report on various activities

SUCCOUR: nurses recognised as essential for improvement in quality of care

Baseline nursing standards have been discussed this week and group will try to promote these

- **TLM group:** Trish Scanlan

Represents 3 groups (Ireland, UK and Tanzania)

Mission to reach and treat every child in need of cancer care in Tanzania free of charge

Collaborate with government and provide what is not available

Official twinning with Dublin through ESTHER

Minister of health has asked TLM to set up sites across the country: 7 sites established.
TLM provides chemotherapy and standardised pathology services through Dar or Dublin

Clinical programs:

- Pathology strengthening
- Nutrition
- Education: Has masters with Dar Essalaam
- Has established a collaboration with Joyce Balagedde Kambugu in Uganda
- Built PICU and NICU at hospital
- Database- go-live in April for East African countries
- Automated chemo sheets
- Hostel, playschool and transport program
- Do research

○ **Wilms Tumor group(Trijn Israels)**

Now 4 years old

Planning to start phase 2 in January 2020

Welcomes collaborations

Another program to improve supportive care due to be rolled out - SUCCOUR

Has salary support of nurses

○ **Global HOPE – Texas Children (Jeremy Slone)**

In Botswana

Built from Baylor AIDS initiative- set up 7 centres of excellence for HIV

Botswana, Malawi, Uganda with grant from Bristol Meyer Squib (BMS)

Fellowship program in Uganda

Aim to build capacity

○ **World Child Cancer (Lorna Renner)**

Support for Paed Oncology fellowship and nurses training in Ghana

Supported by Ghana College of Physicians

- **ASLAN project: Dr Daniel Hailo**

Was first graduate of fellowship

Kenyan doctor also graduated from program

Working on an agreement to set up further fellowships in Ethiopia

Now 6 Paed Oncologists in Ethiopia

Also support from an NGO which provides accommodation for patients and covers some expenses for patients

- **GFAOP (Catherine Patte)**

Various programs and training in Dakar and Rabat

Publish results on website www.gfaop.org

- Nurses training
- Parents house
- Registry program
- Twinning program with palliative care

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- LH: All groups have websites. Question is how to bring all the groups together.
- JG: A lot of collaborations started. WHO initiative is bringing further opportunities. Some collaborations have destabilising effects: Calls for comments from audience
- Liz Molyneux: Collaborations are valued but international people need to build on existing services instead of building a parallel system. This may be more difficult but would better strengthen systems rather than weakening it.
- Trijn Israels: Would like to start supportive groups, but would like to stay under SIOF Africa
- Peter Hesseling:
 - We all need collaboration but should avoid duplication.
 - Need to work towards sustainability.
- Joyce B.Kambugu:
 - Collaborations are very important and have potential to do good
 - But when not well handled can be very destructive
 - Need local leadership for local relevance and responsiveness
- Alan Davidson:
 - Asks all potential donors/collaborators to inform SIOF Africa
 - Asks for mandate for LH to attend SIOF AGM and inform HIC's on rules of engagement with LMIC

4. Update on SIOP Africa 2021

On behalf of Uganda cancer institute and Uganda government

Asks for support of meeting in Kampala

Hot springs, gorilla, big 5, many cultural events, walking, food

Excellent program, being discussed currently. Suggestions welcome

Will have a Facebook page and twitter site

Call for applications in June for next host of 2023 meeting- encourages application

5. Update on WHO initiative

SIOP president -elect: Kathy Pritchard-Jones

WHO has raised visibility of childhood cancer survival- means that governments are going to have to prioritise this.

African continent is recognised as not having meaningful registration and data.

Many children still going undiagnosed

Practicalities:

- WHO work with partners who bring in resources
- Currently selecting 10 countries as a first wave initiative
- SIOP recognised by WHO as an NGO and have reps on all working groups

6. Other issues:

- A journal for SIOP Africa
 - Dr Hailu: Does SIOP Africa have a journal?
 - LH: No→Asks whether this can be developed.
 - LH: will discuss with SIOP and PBC
 - AD: Several journals available: AJO, SAJO. Offers help for anyone wanting to publish
 - JG: To put list of possible journals on POINTE
 - Dr Ravindranah: Suggests several other journals.
- AD: Tour to 57357 after meeting
- Thanks for the Egyptian hospitality
 - Peter Hesseling: Thanks Elhamy Rifky for hospitality
 - LH: Thanks all organisers for a greatly successful conference. Have surpassed all objectives. Thanks all supporters of SIOP Africa. 3 days of intense exchange from all sides of the continent. Offers help for all members in matters of childhood cancer.

Propose for meeting to be closed: Prof Hesseling seconded by George Chagaluka

Meeting adjourned: 14h15