

Minutes SIOP Africa meeting Thursday 20th Oct 2016,

SIOP Congress, Dublin, Wicklow Hall 2B, 12.50 – 13.50hrs

Conveners

Lorna Renner SIOP Africa President

Mariana Kruger SIOP Africa immediate past President

Alan Davidson SIOP PODC co-Chairperson

Minutes recorded by Jeanette Parkes

Number of participants registered at meeting - 48

Aim of meeting: To discuss and agree on objectives for SIOP in Africa for next 2 years

1. Representatives from each geographical region and different groups elected:

North Africa: Prof. Elhamy Rifky A. Khalek – Egypt

Southern Africa: Dr. Jennifer Geel – South Africa

East Africa: Dr Sara Ibrahim – Ethiopia

Francophone: Pr. Fouzia Msefer Alaoui – Morocco

West Africa: Dr. John Ahenkorah – Ghana

Nursing: Glenn Mbah – Cameroon

Parents/CCI: Dr. John Ahenkorah – Ghana and Kenneth Dollman – South Africa

Lorna Renner: We expect to have regular online meetings to discuss action points and strategize how best to make SIOP more effective in Africa.

2. SIOP Africa

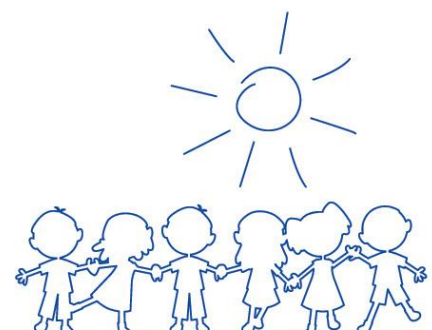
i. Update on Siop Africa 2017: Laila Hessissen

Will be hosted in Marrakech at Hotel Kenzi Farah, 5th – 8th April 2017

Principal topics:

Burkitt Lymphoma

Hodgkin Lymphoma



Nephroblastoma

Retinoblastoma

Brain tumours

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia

Neuroblastoma

Supportive care

Metronomic chemotherapy and palliative care

General issues: drugs, research, access to care

Call for abstracts due 28th Nov- likely to be extended

Scholarships- will include registration, hotel, accommodation

Post congress course on 8th April will be sponsored by International Society of Neuro-oncology

2 full days of SIOP Africa meetings

"It's time for Africa to act!"

Paul Rogers: SIOP board will give €5000 towards the meeting but need to motivate

Lorna Renner: What are the registration fees? L. Hessissen – kindly see booklet.

Registration will open at the end of October

Daniel Hailu Kefenie: From Ethiopia and trained at Tata in India. We need to learn about nutrition from the way it is taught in Asia.

Mariana Kruger: Propose a nutritional course to be held at Africa SIOP

Julia Challinor: Course must be multi-disciplinary, and include nurses.

ii. Future SIOP Africa meetings

Lorna Renner: Need to make sure host countries are decided on well ahead of time so we know the countries where the two subsequent meetings will be held. The dates for the next meeting should be finalised at the preceding meeting.



Next SIOP Africa: Agree will be held in 2019

Offer: Egypt (Elhamy Rifky A. Khalek and Egyptian Cancer Society and Paed Onc group)

(SIOP Asia and Europe hold annual meetings)

Janet Poole: What about Zambia?

Mariana Kruger: No representatives here and no permission from Dept of Health at last request

Motion: Jennifer Geel: Suggest vote by e-mail in 1 month

Deadline: End Feb 2017

Morocco: Muhammad (name not complete) would like to second Egypt's nomination

Vote for Egypt: Majority agree – Egypt to host 2019

For 2021: Inform all countries. Nominations by Morocco meeting (April 2017)

3. Training opportunities

Jennifer Geel: PODC working group talked about the new website: POINTE – Paediatric Oncology International Network for Training and Education, a project of the SIOP PODC education and training working group.

Database of training opportunities

Twinning opportunities

Will be updated monthly

Needs more input from non-English speaking SIOP members

It is open access

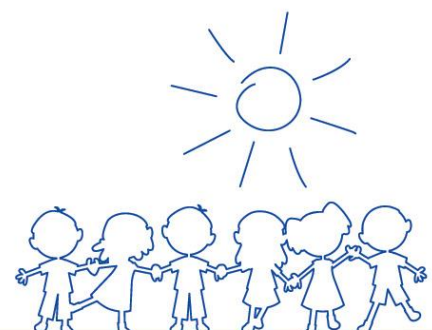
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Other training opportunities:

Aziza Shad – Aslan project

Paed Oncology training project- for Ethiopians and other countries

Laila Hessissen: French African School of Paed Oncologie. Started as a My Child Matters project. Runs 1 year courses. GFRP website - Platform for e-learning with restricted access.



Jeannette Parkes: Access to Care Radiotherapy training: Cape Town South Africa

Trish Scanlan: Master's Course in Paediatric Oncology in Tanzania

Lorna Renner: Most applicants

CHOC, South Africa - Adri Ludick: Have developed a course for advocacy in communities

Elena Ladas: Training opportunities on nutrition methodology available in India.

Lorna Renner: Relevant short update courses in Africa are needed. Will try to leverage support for this from SIOP.

4. Structure for SIOP Africa leadership

Lorna Renner: Need a constitution and bye-laws for SIOP Africa.

Alan Davidson: Are there SIOP regulations for continents with regards to constitutions?

Paul Rogers: No guidelines yet except concerning election of president.

5. Collaborations:

Lorna Renner: Good treatment collaborations amongst Francophone countries. Wilms tumour, Burkitt protocol collaborative groups in Anglophone countries. Francois Doz is willing to help with the development of retinoblastoma collaborative group in the rest of Africa as pertains in the Francophone countries.

Mariana Kruger: Very interested in retinoblastoma and there is the need to develop same in Anglophone Africa. Two settings: High income, low income countries different protocols. Mariana Kruger will co-ordinate this.

Lorna Renner: Need to unite Francophone/Anglophone. Important we work together

Mariana Kruger: Sponsorship of drugs is key.

Trish Scanlan: Lots of twinning programs in Africa. Tanzania also twins internally: Dar-es Salaam and other centres

Morocco: Lalla Salma foundation supports many twinning groups

Mariana Kruger: Has circulated questionnaires regarding African facilities. Only 10-15% return.

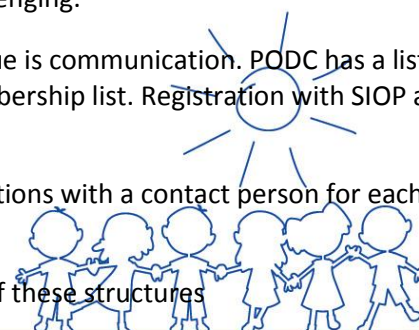
Lorna Renner: A business meeting should be held at SIOP Africa.

Kelly Faber (Togo): Missionary Hospital relationships with others are challenging.

Alan Davidson: PODC has been meeting with continental reps. Biggest issue is communication. PODC has a list of members in the various working groups. They are not all in the SIOP membership list. Registration with SIOP and with PODC working group was encouraged.

Regional representatives should develop a continental directory of institutions with a contact person for each one

The working groups in PODC have a good idea of projects - suggests use of these structures



Planning to highlight “Best papers” in continental meetings to SIOP meeting

Liz Burns: Details available on SIOP website of twinning projects in existence.

6. Newsletter

Elhamy Rifky Khalek proposed developing a newsletter. This will be discussed in Morocco.

7. Need to increase SIOP membership: Paul Rogers (Secretary-General of SIOP) brought this up.

Benefits include:

- Free copy of PBC

- Decreased registration rates

- Reduced LMIC registration

- Sponsorship of LMIC participant

- Intending to increase scholarships for SIOP

- SIOP website for communication (Africa component)

- Symposia and keynotes from SIOP are available on website for 1 year

Julia Challinor: Nurses should apply for scholarships to attend SIOP

The meeting ended at 13.50hrs.

