

and Shri. Sunil Dutt, Honorable Member of Parliament and President of Nargis Dutt Cancer Foundation. My message to the delegates, parents and the media is enclosed as **appendix-1** with this report. The presence of these dignitaries at the conference would certainly provide a boost to the Indian activities in the field of pediatric oncology. A cultural Bharat Natyam Dance Programme by Yamini Krishnamurthy and her disciples followed by banquet was organized at the Air-Force Auditorium on Saturday, November 23, 2002

### **Publications of the conference**

## **MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING OF SIOP-ASIA**

Held on 23 November 2002, at Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi, during the course of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SIOP Asia conference. The meeting was attended by 38 members, the list of which is available with the SIOP Asia Hon. Secretary.

The President & Secretary welcomed attendee members to the GBM. The minutes of the previous GBM at Porto, Portugal were confirmed & accepted by a proposal by Dr V Rajalingam seconded by Drs Choudhary & G Kapoor. Dr Bharat Agarwal (BA) reiterated point 1b of the minutes re: 10% of the registration fees of the SIOP Asia conferences to be contributed towards building up the funds of SIOP Asia

Dr BA presented his report, the salient features of which included the following: The official SIOP Asia membership currently stands at 136, which however could be easily increased through efforts of representatives of various countries. He congratulated Drs Lokeshwar & Arya for the successful organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> SIOP Asia meeting wherein registrations included 270 doctors & 70 parents. The excellent scientific programme had 14 faculty members from abroad, there were 20 oral free papers & a parents programme with involvement of the ICCPO which added a wider dimension to the meet. The SIOP Asia newsletter would be important to increase communications in the group. There is a need

In addition to the abstract book as mentioned above, a souvenir to record the conference proceedings was also published and released at the inaugural programme. This publication of about 100 pages consists of various articles from all the guest speakers. Copies of the souvenir can be obtained from the organizing secretary Prof. L.S. Arya Dept. of Pediatrics, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi - 110 029, India, (Email : lsarya@rediffmail.com ).

to encourage & develop parent support groups in places & countries where they do not exist.

The Secretary Dr Rashmi Dalvi (RD) said that Dr BA had outlined the conference details & she had nothing additional to report since the last GBM held 2 months previously.. Dr RD did however outline certain projections & potentials for SIOP Asia wrt Increasing membership & participation of Asian colleagues, Educational meetings, Parent group activities, Publications, Collaborative scientific studies addressing research questions, NTP-PPO as an educational tool model, Development of regional & interregional networks.

Dr M R Lokeshwar (MRL) said that he would try to bring out 2 newsletters per year & he appealed to the President for financial help to run the same.

Dr BA brought up the issue of opening a bank account for SIOP Asia with Dr RD & Dr MRL as co signatories. This was proposed by Dr A Sachdeva & seconded by Dr Gauri Kapoor.

The Org Secretary of the SIOP Asia meeting, Dr Arya thanked the participants, SIOP members in particular Drs Craft & Green for the financial aid for the meeting He also thanked the national & international advisors, local org committee, pharmaceutical industry spon-

sors, Drs Tsuchida & Sawada, & especially, Drs MRL, RD, BA, AS. Dr Arya pointed out that they could provide 19 scholarships & 20 free registrations. The house also appreciated Dr Arya's commendable efforts. Dr Tsuchida pointed out that parents groups in Japan & Singapore also should be specifically invited for the meeting. Dr BA pointed out that Pediatric Oncology in other countries needs to be brought out with more such presentations. Dr AS suggested that for a SIOP Asia meeting the faculty should represent as 1/3 from the host country, 1/3 from other Asian countries & 1/3 from the western world. Dr V Rajalingam pointed out that the 1<sup>st</sup> SIOP Asia meeting held in her country aimed at providing a quality experience at a low cost, share experiences & promote people & ideas

Dr P Kurkure suggested having a pre-conference CME & use the conference for more paper presentations and also to have a theme for each meet. Dr T Ara from Bangladesh suggested more participation from surgeons to provide greater scope for surgical discussion.

Dr P Kurkure made a brief presentation on

her vision for a SAARC initiative in Pediatric Oncology for the South Asian region.

Dr Mannan made a presentation on the SIOP meeting in 2005. It was discussed to keep the meeting on a biennial basis & by consensus was decided to be held in early 2004. Dr PK pointed out that the Ramzan festival days should be excluded for fixing the dates. Dr Wang made a presentation for SIOPAsia 2006 to be hosted by the Chinese Pediatric Oncology Group. Dr M Zachariah made a presentation with a letter from the President of the Oman Hem Onc Organisation Dr Zakia Al Lamki for the meet to be held in 2006/2008. It was however decided to have China as hosts for 2006 as proposed by Dr VR and seconded by Dr AS.

Dr VR suggested carrying out collaborative studies with different countries on neuroblastoma genetics.

Dr BA & Dr RD thanked the members for their attendance & participation.

Signed  
(Dr Rashmi Dalvi)  
Secretary SIOP Asia

### **Congratulations to the Porto Prize Winners**

The SIOP Prize was awarded to Dr. Bharat Agarwal for a presentation on the  
"Indian National Training Project Practical Pediatric Oncology (INTPPPO) :  
2nd National Teachers Meeting, consensus report".

## **FUTURE CONFERENCES**

### **2003 XXXV SIOP CONGRESS**

**Date :** October 8-11, 2003  
**Venue :** Cairo, Egypt

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### **2004 : 2nd Joint GH-IGF Symposium**

**Date :** April 18-22, 2004  
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