

Minutes of 2015 Asia SIOP Annual Business Meeting

Date: 11 October, 2015

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: Meeting Room 2, Cape Town International Convention Centre

Present: Drs. Sameer Bakhshi, Rashmi Dalvi, Purna Kurkure (India), Akira Nakagawara (Japan), Muhammad Saghir Khan (Pakistan), Godfrey CF Chan, Chi-kong LI (Hong Kong, China), Suradij Hongeng (Thailand), Kirill Kirgizov (Russia). Sushmita Bhatnagar.

Observers from Childhood Cancer International (CCI): Benson Pau, Ira Soelistyo, Kohsuke Yamashita,

Agenda:

1 Welcome by Akira Nakagawara (AN), Chi-kong Li (CL):

CL and AN welcomed members joining this Annual Business Meeting at Cape Town. Since this SIOP Congress was not well attended by the members from Asia due to long distance, and also the meeting being held in the afternoon of the last day of Congress, most members had already left the Congress and thus making the attendance of the meeting very low number. The members suggested the next Annual General Assembly during the main SIOP Congress should be arranged at the more convenient timing such as lunch hour or early morning before the plenary lectures. CL will negotiate with the SIOP secretariat for the future meetings.

2 Report on 2015 Asia SIOP Congress, Amman.

The Report had been prepared by Dr. Faris Madanat, Chair of Local Organising Committee (attached). The Congress was well attended and had an excellent scientific content, CL would like to thank Dr. Madanat and his team for the excellent arrangement.

3 Report on 2016 Asia SIOP Congress, Moscow (Kirill Kirgizov and the team)

Dr. Kirgizov on behalf of the Russia team presented the organization of the 2016 Asia SIOP Congress. This will be held on May 25-28, 2016 at Moscow. The scientific content was discussed and members gave comments on the logistics. Details of the Congress could be found at the website: www.siopasia2016.org.

- 4 Report on 2017 Asia SIOP Congress, Bangkok
Dr. Suradij Hongeng on behalf of the Thai Society of Hematology and the Thai Pediatric Oncology Group presented the proposal of the 2017 Asia SIOP Congress to be held in Thai. The exact venue will be decided but likely will be at Bangkok. More details will be presented in the future Asia SIOP General Assembly or Business Meeting.
- 5 Discussed the organization of Asia SIOP Structure:
 - 5.1 Core members of the SIOP Asia included the Continental President, immediate past President, Newsletter Editor and Assistant Newsletter Editor.
 - 5.2 Regional co-ordinators: West Asia, East Asia, South East Asia, Central Asia/Russia : (1) By nomination or election? (2) roles and responsibilities. Since there were too few members present at the meeting, it was not appropriate to make any decision on the structure. It should be having more discussion through email and then final decision to be made at the General Assembly.
- 6 Discuss the method of bidding future Asia SIOP Congress:
CL made a proposal of the bidding method (attached), and members considered this was appropriate. However it should have wider consultation through email, and final decision to be made at the next Annual General Assembly. For 2018 Asia SIOP Congress, members agreed that the Asia Congress should be suspended for one year as Kyoto had the successful bid for 2018 main SIOP Congress. There should be ample time to discuss the 2019 Asia SIOP meeting in future.
- 7 Report on Newsletter of Asia SIOP (Brijesh Aurora)
Dr Brijesh Arora, Dr Maya Prasad of Mumbai had kindly agreed to be the Editor and Associate Editors of the Newsletter and the 2015 issue was sent out to the members and also uploaded to the SIOP Asia Website under SIOP.
http://siop-online.org/sp_cb/asia/
In future, it was planned to have two issue per year.
- 8 Collaboration with CCI Asian Chapter: Asia paediatric oncology centres and specialists catalog.
Kirill Kirgizov shared the work from Russia on a very nicely prepared catalog of Russia pediatric oncology centers. Members considered such a catalog would be

of help to clinicians and patients. However due to the heterogeneity of care centers in Asia countries, it would be difficult to produce similar catalog for the Asia continent. It would be difficult to judge which center should be included and what content to be presented. The members favored the approach of enlisting the national pediatric oncology groups and the patient support groups from various countries in Asia. The catalog would be a collaborative work with Childhood Cancer International as there was earlier discussion and agreement in this direction. Members welcomed Russia colleagues to share their data collection method and SIOP Asia might take reference. CL would approach members to provide information on the national groups in their countries.

Bidding and Selection of city for Annual Asia SIOP Congress (Draft)

1. Proposed by a **SIOP member** of the bidding organization (either a hospital or national professional group),
2. Proposal should be sent to the Continental President at least two years before the proposed congress, and it should be at least one month before the annual SIOP Congress. e.g. bidding to 2020 congress, the submission should be before October 2018.
3. The proposed team should make a presentation in the Asia SIOP General Assembly (usually will be held during the main SIOP congress)
4. If there is only one submission for that year, and this is supported by majority of members present at the General Assembly, the bidding will be successful.
5. However if there is more than one proposal, all bidding teams must make presentation in the General Assembly and answer questions from members. The selection of the city will then be made by voting through email (to be confirmed with SIOP Secretariat on the logistics)
6. The result of selection should be announced before end of year of the bidding and informed SIOP Board and the members.

Report on SIOP Asia 2015 Congress at Amman

SIOP Asia 2015 was held in Amman, Jordan, from April 25 to 27. Over three days, lectures on recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of childhood cancer, applied genomics, and late effects and survivorship were delivered by experts from Asia, north America, and Europe. Two panels dealt with obstacles to collaborative research in Asia and improving access to cancer care for children in Asia. 40 lectures and free papers, and 42 posters addressing all areas of cancer care were presented. Total of 165 delegates registered for the meeting from 26 countries.

On Sunday April 26, the nurses held their meeting, 90 nurses participated. The nurses program covered recent advances in pediatric oncology nursing care. On Friday April 24, a pre-congress work shop was held organized jointly by the PODC committee on nutrition and the nutrition department at KHCC. 152 registered for that workshop. Over all, more than 400 participated in the 9th SIOP Asia Congress and its various scientific activities.

In conjunction with SIOP Asia meeting, CCI held a two day conference, April 25-26. 80 parents and childhood cancer survivors attended that meeting. Princess Dina actively participated in the CCI meeting. It is hoped that the CCI meeting in Amman will result in the formation of a Jordan chapter and gets Jordanian parents of children with cancer actively involved in the activities of the CCI.

The opening ceremony and dinner for SIOP Asia was attended by HRH princess Ghida Talal and HRH Princess Dina Mired in addition to president and president elect of SIOP Asia, and president and president elect of SIOP. At the end of the opening ceremony, girls from the Jordanian institute for arts and culture performed. Proceedings of the ceremony were widely covered by Jordan TV and news media. At the closing ceremony, the president of the congress thanked the speakers and participants acknowledging the support of King Hussein Cancer center, SIOP board, and Jordan society of pediatric oncology. The names of the best oral presentation and the best poster were announced, and the winners were given a plaque and a nominal financial award. Dr. Karachunskiy and Dr. Akira then announced the next SIOP Asia meeting in Russia.

In general, the consensus was that SIOP Asia meeting in Amman was successful, and that efforts need to be exerted to continue the momentum.

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