

SIOP Asia 2015 General Assembly

Venue: Amman, Jordan

Date 27 April 2015

Time: 2pm

Attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Country</u>
Zakiya Al-Lamki	Oman
Brijesh Aurora	India
Allan Yeoh	Singapore
Purna Kurkure	India
Muhammad Saghir Khan	UAE
Rashmi Dalvi	India
Isam Haddadin	Jordan
Moussa Barqawi	Jordan
Jong Jin Seo	Korea
Shalha Musallam	Jordan
Denis Kachanov	Russia
Shamanskaya Tatyana	Russia
Svetlana Varfolomeeva	Russia
Guzel Muftachova	Russia
Kirill Kirgizov	Russia
Alexander Karachanskiy	Russia
Chan Godfrey Chi Fung	Hong Kong, China
Li Chi Kong	Hong Kong, China
Akira Nakagawara	Japan
Faris Madanat	Jordan
Agrawal Bharat R.	India

Observers:

Benson Pau	Hong Kong, China
Scott Howard	USA

1. Dr. Akira Nakagawara (AN), Continental President of Asia, welcomed members to attend the General Assembly. AN reported that the SIOP Asia meeting had been changed from biennial meeting to annual meeting starting from 2014, and this was welcomed by members.

2. AN reported on the progress of International Childhood Cancer Day in 2015. Many countries including Japan, UAE had arranged celebration activities.
3. AN reported the election result of SIOP President. Dr. Eric Bouffet was elected and would start his term of President-Elect from the SIOP 2015 Annual Business Meeting in Cape Town. Congratulation to Dr. Bouffet.
4. The SIOP membership from Asia was as follow:
2011: 194, 2012: 185, 2013: 270, 2014: 215. The increase in SIOP membership in Asia in 2012 was probably related to ASIA Congress was held in Hong Kong, Asia. Subsequently there was decline in membership but there was still an increasing trend.

5. Venue of SIOP main congress was as follow:

- 2015 Cape Town, South Africa
- 2016 Dublin, Ireland
- 2017 Washington DC, USA
- 2018 Asia/Oceania

Venue for Asia SIOP would be as follow;

- 2016 Moscow, Russia
- 2017 Bangkok, Thailand
- 2018 to be decided

The venue of 2018 Asia SIOP would be affected by the selection of main SIOP Congress. If Asia city is selected for the main SIOP congress, we may consider stopping Asia SIOP congress for one year. Holding two large paediatric oncology congresses in one year in Asia may not be able to attract sufficient number of participants. This issue will be discussed in the coming Business Meeting in Cape Town after the result of SIOP 2018 venue is announced.

6. Chi-kong Li (CL), the President-elect of Asia Continent welcomed members to attend this Annual General Assembly (AGA). CL commented that the attendants of SIOP Asia congress were mainly from the country hosting the congress, and also neighboring countries. There was not many SIOP Asia members from other countries attending the congress, thus there might not be good representation. There are usually more Asia SIOP members attending the main SIOP congresses. Since the AGA is the highest authority of Asia SIOP, important decisions would be made at the AGA, it would be reasonable to host the AGA at the main SIOP congress instead of Asia SIOP congress. AN reported that the SIOP Board previously discouraged the SIOP continental meetings to be held during the main SIOP meeting. Members in the meeting agreed that the Asia AGA would be held during the main SIOP Congress and

there would be an Annual Business meeting (ABM) during the regional ASIA SIOP congress. Since we have the AGA 2015 held in Amman, we would hold the ABM in Cape Town. From 2016 onward, the AGA would be held during main SIOP Congress, ie in Dublin 2016, whereas ABM 2016 in Moscow.

7. Website and Newsletter: To maintain the contacts with members of Asia SIOP, a website with information interested to members would be helpful. AN had set up the Asia SIOP website several years ago but it was not possible to keep the website updated due to lack of funding for this independent website. Since SIOP would reorganize the SIOP website and enhance the continental section, members in the meeting agreed that we should utilize the SIOP website and put our materials in the Asia continental section, and we would not set up the independent continental website. The contents of the website would not prepared by the Newsletter Editor who would communicate with the SIOP administrator in future to maintain the SIOP Asia section. It was proposed to include the abstracts of Asia SIOP congress, any projects conducted in Asia and the Meeting reports. Dr. Brijesh Arora of Mumbai, India had kindly agreed to take up the role of Newsletter Editor, and his colleague Dr. Maya Prasad would assist as well.
8. Data on professionals working in paediatric oncology in Asia: since not all the professionals working in the field were members of SIOP, it would be important to keep contact with these professionals. The information of annual SIOP Asia congress and other educational materials may be circulated to these workers and that in turn benefit the children with cancer in the continent. It was proposed to create a data base with doctors in Asia who are practicing paediatric oncology, and also professional societies of paediatric oncology. Some patients may travel among countries of Asia for treatment or second opinion, the data base would facilitate the referral of these patients.
9. Preparation of Asia SIOP Congress: There was discussion on ways to assist the scientific programme of the congress to be of high quality and also with relevance to regional situation. The SIOP Board also commented that the Continental President should take more active role to discuss with local organizing committee on the programme, and also reported to SIOP Board for progress. SIOP Board may also provide assistance in seeking appropriate speakers for the congress.
10. SIOP Asia structure: There was previous discussion on how to formalize the structure in the very big continent. The idea of forming an Asia SIOP Board with a secretary and 5 regional representatives was discussed. However there was no such rules in SIOP constitution and this needed further discussion with

SIOP Board. The Associate membership was discussed but also considered not feasible under the current SIOP regulation.

11. Dr. Faris Madanat, Chair of Local Organising Committee of Asia SIOP 2015, reported that 400 delegates participated in the 9th SIOP Asia congress. A pre-congress workshop was organized jointly with the SIOP PODC committee on nutrition and 152 registered for that workshop. The nurses also held a nurse meeting with 90 nurses participated. In conjunction with SIOP Asia meeting, Childhood Cancer International (CCI, formerly ICCCP) held a two day conference with 80 parents and childhood cancer survivors attended the meeting. Princess Dina actively participated in the CCI meeting. The LOC also assisted in promoting the SIOP membership with the SIOP membership application forms inserted into the Congress bags.
12. ICCD events in 2015: We received reports from various countries on the activities celebrating the ICCD, including Japan and UAE by Dr. Muhammad Saghir Khan at Tawam Hospital of Abu Dhabi.
13. Mr. Benson Pau from Hong Kong, Head of CCI Asia attended the meeting. He shared with the work of CCI on advocacy of childhood cancer. CCI prepared a facebook page on ICCD, successful in including a section on childhood cancer in the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2015. CCI would be interested to hold joint sessions with the Continental congress, and also looked forward to collaborative projects between CCI Asia and SIOP Asia.
14. AN also made a report on the progress of the Asian Pediatric ematology Oncology Group (APHOG).
15. SIOP Asia Congress 2016: Dr. Kirill Kirgizov, Congress Secretary, and Dr. Svetlana Varfolomeeva, Congress Deputy President made a presentation on the preparation of the 2016 Congress. It would be held at Moscow on May 25-28, 2016. Further information would be available at the website: www.siopasia2016.org. The members showed concerns on the accommodation, registration fee and scholarship which the information was not available at the meeting. The LOC was reminded to prepare the information and announce early.
16. SIOP Asia Congress 2017: Thai Pediatric Oncology Group and the Thai Society of Hematology proposed to host the 2017 congress in Bangkok. Due to unexpected circumstance, the Thai representatives could not attend the meeting. CL on behalf of the Thai groups presented the materials prepared by the Thai groups. Members supported the 2017 Asia SIOP Congress to be held in Thailand.

