

2017 Asia SIOP Annual Business Meeting

Date: 28 May 2017

Time: 12:00 pm

Venue: World Ballroom C, Centara Grand Convention Centre, Central World, Bangkok.

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome by Chi-kong Li (CL): CL welcome members and friends to attend the Annual Business Meeting. There were 21 SIOP Asia Members present and SIOP President Prof. Eric Boffet also attended. There were also representatives from Children Cancer International (CCI) attending the meeting.
- 2) Report on 2016 Asia SIOP Annual General Meeting at Dublin: The Meeting was held on 20 October 2016 and the minutes had been circulated to members via email before the ABM, and also included in the First Issue 2017 Issue Newsletter. There was no comment from the members and the minutes were adopted.
- 3) Report on 2017 Asia SIOP Congress, Bangkok: Dr. Panya Seksarn made a report on the Congress. There were total 432 attendants at the Congresses, 315 attending SIOP Asia of which 146 being overseas and 169 Thai participants. For the CCI conference, there were total of 117 participants and 63 were coming from overseas. The participants came from 31 countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, South Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, United Kingdom, USA, UAE, Vietnam, and Thailand. The detail of the report is attached.
- 4) Report on Newsletter of Asia SIOP 2017 First Issue: Dr. Maya Prasad made the report on production of the First Issue. The members all agreed that the Newsletter was of very high quality, very colorful and excellent contents. However the size of the Newsletter was so big that it could not be transmitted by email. It was suggested to have a condense version of smaller size that could be sent by email. A full version of the newsletter could be download from the web with a link in the Newsletter, and members could also download from the SIOP Website directly. The members expressed appreciation to Dr, Prasad for her hard work.

- 5) Report on Booklet on Asian Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Societies and Centres: CL reported that a Childhood Cancer Resource Directory Asia was produced as a joint effort of SIOP Asia and CCI Asia. This is a booklet containing the information about national societies for pediatric hematology & oncology, and also the childhood cancer Non-profit organizations (NGO) in Asia. So far, 17 countries had made contribution to the Directory but some only contained information of NGO without national societies. CL encouraged members to discuss among their national societies for contribution. NSPHO of Russia Federation would also help to produce hard copies of the Directory which will be sent to the national societies and NGOs. The Directory will be regularly updated in future.
- 6) Update on nomination of Continental President, Asia SIOP: CL reported that the nomination of SIOP President Elect would be closed by 8 June 2017. CL encouraged members to consider submit nomination of eligible candidates. The online voting would be from 15 June 2017 to 29 June 2017 and the result would be announced in the SIOP ABM at Washington DC this October.
- 7) Bidding for 2019 Asia SIOP Congress: CL reported that so far only one application was received before the deadline on 15 May 2017. Abu Dhabi of UAE submitted a set of application materials. Unfortunately there was no representative from Abu Dhabi attending the meeting and CL made a brief report on behalf of the bidding team based on the submitted materials. Dr. Kanakkande Zainul Aabideen, Consultant in Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Burjeel Hospital, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, is the Committee Chair, and another two members from UAE and one from Saudi Arabia and one from Bahrain. The proposed date of the Meeting is 4 - 7 April 2019 (Thursday – Sunday) and the venue will be Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC). Since there was only one application, and members supported in principle. However members requested the bidding Committee to provide more details about the congress, such as Registration fees of various categories, the hotel rates, sponsorship, support CCI concurrent meeting, ...etc. Members also expressed that 4 days meeting is too long including travelling time, and suggested to shorten to 2.5 days as usual. CL would request the Bidding Team to make a presentation at the coming SIOP Asia Annual General Meeting at Washington DC.
- 8) Application form of Asia SIOP Membership: The creation of non-voting member category was approved in the 2016 SIOP Asia Annual General Meeting at Dublin.

CL presented the application form and members agreed that the application should be supported by a SIOP member or an official of the national society or head of the department of the institution, the form was amended. (attached) CL will send out the form to members and contact persons of national societies and invite applications.

- 9) AOB: There was discussion about producing a journal specifically for childhood cancer of Asia issues. Members considered that financial and manpower issues would be the great hurdle and SIOP Asia would not be ready for a journal at the moment.

Prepared by CK Li

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