

## News@SIOP - Latin America - August 2016

Dear All,

During the first half of 2016 one of the most important events in Latin America has been the realization of the XXVII Congress SLAOP (Latin American Society of Pediatric Oncology) in Lima from 19 to 21 May 2016. The Congress is sponsored by SIOP and this year we had the privileged to have the participation of our 2 presidents SIOP: Dr Giorgio Perilongo and Dr. Eric Bouffet that attended as invited Professors.

Lima was very nice calling the attention of those who knew the obvious improvement and beautification especially from near the Congress area.

While I have the full report I can tell attended by about 220 people, of whom approximately 85% or more were from other countries. There were medical and nursing SLAOP chapter meetings. The conference had a high scientific level and counted with active participation of the audience. The full program is on page the page of the SIOP Latin America section of the website.

There were two awards for free papers selected by the Scientific Committee. First prize Dr Florencia Moreno of Argentina for his work on medical registry and second prize for Dr Claudia Paris of Chile for work in bone marrow transplants.

Balance and ideas on how to increase the number of partners SIOP think important joint work of both societies SIOP / SLAOP looking the way some benefits to belong to both societies obtain, you maybe a discount on annual fee, possibility of magazines on line, possibilities of participation in cooperative protocols?

I think it's important for Latin America the existence of both companies rather than try combining them in one especially the historical aspects of creation and development of SLAOP. I think a more permanent interaction and a common work can help improve the treatment of children with cancer and in turn increase the number of partners in both companies.

In this regard it would be perhaps important to issue a joint statement of the two societies trying to recruit new members among SLAOP contacts.

Best regards, Juan Dr. Juan A. Quintana B. Continental President SIOP Latinoamérica

