Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Supportive Care Working Group.

In this Spring news letter, we will like to update you on the preparations of the program on Supportive care issues for the SIOP 2018 meeting in Kyoto.

As always, we will be collaborating with other committees and working groups. On the educational day, (day -1, November 16, 2018) we will have two joint sessions with the Nurses Committee. The first session will be on "Symptom management". Some of the topics to be discussed are: Infection prevention in children with cancer undergoing conventional chemotherapy and hematopoetic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) (Thomas Lehrnbecher, MD, Germany); Interventions for promoting participation in shared decision-making for children with cancer undergoing invasive procedure , focusing on pain management (Mika Hirata, Japan),  care for skin and gastrointestinal problems after HSCT. The second session will be on “Education of selfcare and symptom management for parents”. We will have three speakers including Marianne van de Wetering, MD, from the Netherlands. We will also collaborate with the psychooncology working group (PPO) and with the SIOP-PODC-Supportive Care WG. We expect that there will a large number of high quality abstracts on supportive care.

Members of the SIOP Supportive Care WG are collaborating with SIOP-PODC Supportive Care WG and other international Supportive Care Groups. Collaboration with MASCC (Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer) is continuing. Marianne van de Wetering, past-chair of SIOP Supportive Care WG, has been the chair of MASCC- Pediatric Supportive Care working group since 2011; in 2018, she will give the chair to Andrea Orsey, MD, from USA. The MASCC/ISOO 2018 Annual Meeting in Supportive Care in Cancer is taking place on June 28-30, 2018 in Vienna, Austria. The pediatric study group will do a joint workshop on " What Does the Future Hold? Prognostication in Advanced Cancer and Clinical Decision Making" and a session "on late effects of cardiotoxicity and how to prevent it". Thomas Lehrnbecher, the other past-chair of SIOP Supportive Care WG, is involved in an ongoing collaboration with the Pediatric Working Party of the EBMT (European for Blood and Marrow Transplantation). The goal of this activity is to reach a consensus of standards of non-pharmacological (such as neutropenic diet, social restrictions) as well as pharmacological anti-infective measures. On the long run, this consensus needs to be adapted to the different international setting.

The International Pediatric Oncology Guideline (IPOG) network (www.sickkids.ca/Research/iPOG), has been active in setting up an international network on the progress of guideline development. Many members of the SIOP-Supportive Care Working Group are involved in guideline development. This year, the pain guideline for children with cancer and the fertility guidelines are planned to be completed.

A Supportive Care WG business meeting is planned on day -1 (not the last day of the meeting as previously), more information will follow.

We hope you have a wonderful spring and summer and we hope to meet you in the SIOP 2018 annual meeting in November 16-19, 2018 in Kyoto, Japan.

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**on behalf of the SIOP Supportive Care Working Group**