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 2019 meeting (Oct 23-26, 2019) in Lyon.

 As in previous years, we will be collaborating with other committees and working groups. On the educational day, (day -1, Wednesday, October 23, 2019) we will have joint sessions with the Nurses Committee. Some of the topics to be discussed are: Psychosocial issues in adolescents and young adults (AYA) and survivors, fertility issues in AYA, fatigue, care for siblings.

You may follow the website for sessions on supportive care in the SIOP 2019 meeting with very distinguished speakers. There is a symposium on "New Insights Into Treatment and Prophylaxis Of Clostridium difficile Infection (Convener: Lillian Sung, Canada)" and two meet the expert sessions, one on " Innovative Approaches To Pain Management (speaker: Boris Zernikow, Germany)" and one on "Evidence Based Infection Prophylaxis In Pediatric Cancer (Speaker: Sarah Alexander, Canada), "

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 has given the chair to Andrea Orsey, MD, from USA. The MASCC/ISOO 2019 Annual Meeting in Supportive Care in Cancer is taking place on June 21-23, 2019 in San Francisco, USA. Thomas Lehrnbecher, the other past-chair of SIOP Supportive Care WG, is in an ongoing collaboration with the Pediatric Working Party of the EBMT (European for Blood and Marrow Transplantation). 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. Lee Dupuis, Lillian Sung, Marianne van de Wetering, Wim Tising and many members of the SIOP-Supportive Care Working Group are involved in guideline development. This year, the pain guideline for children with cancer (Loeffen EAH etal. , Kremer LCM, van de Wetering MD, Mulder RL, Font-Gonzalez A, Dupuis LL, Campbell F, Tissing WJE; Pain in Children with Cancer. Guideline Development Panel.Reducing pain in children with cancer: Methodology for the development of a clinical practice guideline. Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2019 ) has been published and the fertility guidelines are almost completed. The SIOP-PODC WG continues with the monthly webinars on educational topics on Supportive Care, members interested can log in and follow the webinars. Muhammed Saghir Khan, MD (UAE), past chair of the SIOP-PODC WG, is involved with the SIOP Asia 2019 meeting (April 3-6,2019, Abu Dhabi,UAE) where many supportive care issues will be covered. Rejin Kebudi, MD, (chair of the SC WG) is in anongoing collaboration with the Middleeast Cancer Consortium, directed by Prof Michael Silbermann, where surveys/studies on cancer pain management, integrative approaches are held; books on palliative care and research methods in palliative care are published, the study on Human Development Index and its association with staff spiritual care provision (Bar-Sela G et al. Support Care Cancer. 2019) have been published.

In February 2019, I was invited to speak in the AAAS (American association for the advancement of Science) Meeting in Washington, in the session on "Pediatric Cancer in Crisis" organized by Dr S.Jeha, from St Jude. I will like to emphasize the SIOP vision that "no child should die of cancer", especially due to disparities or due to regional conflicts and all deserve the good supportive and psychosocial care.

During the SIOP meeting in Lyon, France, a business meeting is planned on day -1 (October 23, 2019), the time will be further announced.

We hope you have a wonderful spring and summer and we hope to meet you in the SIOP 2019 annual meeting in Oct 23-26, 2019 in Lyon, France.

**Rejin Kebudi, MD, Prof, (Chair) & Wim Tissing, MD, PhD, (Chair)**

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