Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Supportive Care Working Group.

This year we had a wonderful SIOP meeting in Lyon, France, where we met many friends and and had high quality science, shared our knowledge and research.

The meeting started on day -1, with  an educational day where, three joint sessions of the SIOP Supportive Care WG and SIOP Nurses Committee, were held. The first session was on   "Home care and palliative care in pediatric oncology" The topics discussed were "Palliative homecare: how to collaborate with liberal nurses " (Véronique Veyet), "Home delivery of chemotherapy "(Marianne van de Wettering), "Palliative care in high and low resource countries" (Rejin Kebudi). The second joint session about "Fatigue, Oncofertility, Adolescent and young adults" covered "Management of fatigue in pediatric cancer and stem cell recipients "(Lillian Sung), "Effects of on adapted physical activity programme on fatigue management " (Rodolf Mongondry), "Oncofertility: male/female perspective" (Wim Tissing), "Cluster of symptoms experienced by the AYA population" (Marilyn Hockenberry). The third session on the "Psychosocial support of patients and siblings" included "How to accompany the siblings during cancer treatment: a group experience" (Flora Ray Martel), "Telepresence robot: impact on quality of life" (Marion Beaufront), "Accompanying young adults suffering from cancer to achieve their academic or professional projects" (Benedicte Wolfrom). The sessions were well attended with over 150 participants, nurses, physicians, pharmacists and other health care staff. There were interactive multidisciplinary discussions. There was also a PODC Supportive Care symposium on the same day on "Prevention and Treatment of Chemotherapy Adverse Effects in Limited Resource Settings"

A Supportive Care WG business meeting was held at day -1. The supportive care activities within SIOP 2019 were evaluated, plans regarding the SIOP 2020 annual meeting were made. Plans to have good interaction with other WGs and committes were discussed.

Other sessions on supportive care in the SIOP 2019 included a symposium on "New Insights Into Treatment and Prophylaxis Of Clostridium difficile Infection (Lillian Sung, Thomas Lehrnbecher, Brian Fisher) and two meet the expert sessions, one on " Innovative Approaches To Pain Management (Boris Zernikowy)" and one on "Evidence Based Infection Prophylaxis in Pediatric Cancer (Sarah Alexander, Canada) " . There were free paper sessions and poster presentations and e-posters on supportive care.

Members of the SIOP Supportive Care WG are collaborating with SIOP-PODC Supportive Care WG, other working groups and committees within SIOP and other international Supportive Care Groups, such as Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) , Pediatric Working Party of the European for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT), The International Pediatric Oncology Guideline (IPOG) network , Middleeast Cancer Consortium (MECC). The MASCC 2020 meeting will be held in Seville, Spain on June 25-27,2020.  The International Pediatric Oncology Guideline (IPOG) network has been active in setting up an international network on the progress of guideline development. Many members of the supportive care working group are involved worldwide in guideline development. The guidelines on onco-fertility are being submitted for publication.

The next annual meeting of SIOP will be in Ottawa, Canada,   during Oct 14-17,2020. So mark the date and the deadline for the abstracts and the news and minutes on the SIOP website.

We hope you have a merry Christmas, happy Holidays, happy Hannukah,  and a happy New Year 2020. May the New year be full of joy , happiness, good health and  success.

Kind regards,

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