Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Supportive Care Working Group.

We hope all of you are enjoying the summer!

For me, this summer started with the joy and honor of recieving the "2018 International Women Who Conquer Cancer Mentoring Award" which was presented to me by the "American Society of Clinical Oncology" on June 3, 2018 in Chicago. SIOP has played a major role in my oncology career. I have been a member and have attended all SIOP annual meetings from 1991to present. Within these years I have met with colleagues from all over the world and have collaborated scientifically with many and have built strong friendship. I thank all my national and international mentors. I encourage all our young colleagues to actively participate in SIOP, SIOP-PODC, and young investigator groups and committees.

In this Summer newsletter, 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 (Eriko Shiota, Japan),  Management of skin complications after hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (Linda Abramovitz, USA). The second session will be on “Education of selfcare and symptom management for parents”, including three topics: Sleep at home: building a home hydration program for chemotherapy patients (Lisa Morrissey; USA), Assessment of parent's learning needs in paediatric oncology (Anders Ringnér,Sweden) and Education and self care and symptom management for parents (Marianne van de Wetering, MD, Netherlands). There will be two free paper sessions, one on infectious complications and one on toxicity and supportive care on November 18, 2018. There will also be poster presentations 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 from 2011 to 2018. The MASCC/ISOO 2018 Annual Meeting in Supportive Care in Cancer has been held on June 28-30, 2018 in Vienna, Austria. The pediatric study group had two joint workshops 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. This is planned to be discussed in the business meeting . Rejin Kebudi, MD, (present co-chair of the SC WG) is involved in an ongoing collaboration with the Middleeast Cancer Consortium, directed by Prof Michael Silbermann, where a global survey on cancer pain management is being held, a book on palliative care and research methods in palliative care is prepared, a symposium on "Creating a Bridge Between Traditional and Conventional Health Belief Models for refugees" was held in Berlin by the collaboration of colleagues from Europe and the Middleeast. A special series on “ Palliative Care and Oncology: Time for Increased Collaboration and Integration “ was published by the collaboration of colleagues in the region.

 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 chaired by Dr W Tissing (Present co-chair of SC WG) and Dr F Campbell , and coordinated by A Font-Gonzalez MSc PhD and E Loeffen MD will be completed. The fertility guideline chaired by Dr M.D. van de Wetering and Dr L Kenney for the male group and Dr W.Tissing and Dr J Levine for the female group as well as the work lead package Dr L. Kremer; and coordinated by A Font-Gonzalez MSc PhD and E Loeffen MD is almost completed.

A Supportive Care WG business meeting is planned on day -1 (not the last day of the meeting as previously!), at 1-3.45 pm, the SIOP PODC Supportive Care WG will also join. All interested in SC are invited to attend. Please e-mail us for attendance.

We hope you have a wonderful 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**