Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Supportive Care Working Group!

In this Summer news letter, we will like to update you on 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 three joint sessions with the Nurses Committee. The first session (8.15-9.45) is on **"Home care and palliative care in pediatric oncology"** and will be chaired by Rejin Kebudi and Florence Granjard Goy. The topics to be discussed are "Palliative homecare: how to collaborate with liberal nurses " (Véronique Veyet, France), "Home delivery of chemotherapy "(Marianne van de Wettering, The Netherlands), "Palliative care in high and low resource countries " (Rejin Kebudi, Turkey). The second joint session (at 13.45-15.15) chaired by Christèle Riberon and Paul C. Rogers, will be about "**Fatigue, Oncofertility, Adolescent and young adults"** and willcover "Management of fatigue in pediatric cancer and stem cell recipients "(Lillian Sung, Canada), "Effects of on adapted physical activity programme on fatigue management " (Rodolf Mongondry, France), "Oncofertility: male/female perspective" (Wim Tissing, The Netherlands), "Cluster of symptoms experienced by the AYA population" (Marilyn Hockenberry, USA). The third session (at 15.45-16.05) will be on the "**Psychosocial support of patients and siblings"** and will be chaired by Alexandra Famery and Lee Dupuis. The three talks on the third session are "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). There will also be a PODC Supportive Care symposium on the same day at 15.45-17.05 on "Prevention and Treatment of Chemotherapy Adverse Effects in Limited Resource Settings" chaired by Gevorg Tamamyan, Paola Angelini, Muhammad Saghir Khan. The symposium will cover topics on Threshold for identification, and reporting of chemotherapy adverse reactions ( Sherif Kamal, Egypt), Methotrexate administration in resource limited setting (Amita Trehan, India), Asparaginase adverse effects: prevention and management (Scott Howard, USA), Administration guidelines for mercaptopurine; recommendations based on UKALL experience (Sumit Kumar Vohra, Germany).

There are other sessions on supportive care in the SIOP 2019 meeting with distinguished speakers. There is a symposium on "New Insights Into Treatment and Prophylaxis Of Clostridium difficile Infection (Convener: Lillian Sung, Canada)" on October 26,2019. Initial Treatment including metronidazole, vancomycin and fidaxomycin ( Lillian Sung, Canada), Prevention of C. difficile infection (Thomas Lehrnbecher, Germany), New approaches including FMT and monoclonal antibodies (Brian Fisher, USA) will be presented in the symposium. There will be 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), " . There will be free paper sessions on toxicity and supportive care on October 24 and on October 25, 2019.

We congratulate Lillian Sung, member of the Supportive Care Working Group, for being elected as the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the SIOP Board.

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, and past chair of MASCC- Pediatric Supportive Care working group is actively involved with the new chairs of the working group to highlight pediatric supportive care topics. The MASCC/ISOO 2019 Annual Meeting in Supportive Care in Cancer has taken place on June 21-23, 2019 in San Francisco, USA. Pediatric working group had two parallel sessions one on care for the carers, and one on fertility issues and how to address fertility issues in adolescents with cancer. 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 Tissing and many members of the SIOP-Supportive Care Working Group are involved in clinical practice guideline (CPG) development. This year, the pain guideline for children with cancer (Loeffen EAH etal. , Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2019 ) and a. A CPG on c[lassification of the acute emetogenicity of chemotherapy in pediatric patients (Paw Cho Sing E et al.,.](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30729654) Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2019) have has been published. The male and female fertility guidelines are almost completed and will be submitted for publication in 2019 (Mulder R. et al). 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, was co-chair of the scientific committee of the very successful SIOP Asia 2019 meeting (April 3-6,2019, Abu Dhabi,UAE) where many supportive care issues were covered. We congratulate him for being elected as the co-chair of the SIOP-PODC Committee. 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) has been published.

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

We hope to meet you all 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**