

Contribution Supportive care working group M van de Wetering/ T Lehrnbecher

2015 has been a very fruitful year for the supportive care working group establishing excellent collaborations.

1) collaboration with POGO (Canada) Development of International Supportive Care guidelines ; the International Pediatric Oncology Guideline network was founded the iPOG Network <http://www.sickkids.ca/Research/iPOG/About/index.html>.

Many members of the supportive care working group are also active in the IPOG network and in 2016 we will have a life meeting in Dublin discussing all the ongoing guidelines.

2) Collaboration with MASCC (Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (M van de Wetering Chair of MASCC pediatric Supportive Care working group since 2011) In Copenhagen 2015 a workshop was given on anaemia in children with cancer together with the adult study group . The relationships with the adult working groups are important to gain new insights in Supportive Care. The annual meeting of the Siop Supportive Care working group is used to spread these insights broadly

3) Collaboration with Umbrella network led by Dr R Amman, Bern Switzerland International network of people working on infection and research on a project base. Meeting in Bern, Feb 2015. The research discussed at this meeting was incorporated in the annual meeting of the SIOP supportive care working group 2015.

4 Collaboration with PODC group and Supportive Care committee incorporating teaching sessions and guidelines for developing countries.

Via the cure4kids site St Judes site; www.cure4kids.org

5 Collaboration with the I-BFM ELTEC ("early and late toxicity and education"). This I-BFM based supportive care group currently up-dates a teaching booklet for young pediatric hematologists and oncologists which will be widely distributed in the I-BFM. Led by Thomas Lehrnbecher, the part on infectious complications is written by members of the supportive care group of SIOP (e.g., T Lehrnbecher and L. Sung)

We were proud of our young investigators , award winning on supportive care issues, presenting for the first time an excellent young investigator day in Capetown SA in October 2015 with a variety of speakers and a lot of attention for supportive care issues.

And as supportive care working group we were proud to be involved in the 2015 congress in sessions for nurses and parents on such important topics as shared decision making and communication with teenagers.

As from 2016 we will change the chair person of the supportive care working group. We will keep you informed on this We hope to see you all in Dublin where we will continue this fruitful collaboration.

Kind greetings M van de Wetering and T Lehrnbecher