

MINUTES OF SIOP ASIA GENERAL BODY MEETING

4TH APRIL 2019, 18.15-19.15PM

MAIN SESSION HALL, ADNEC, ABU DHABI

The meeting began with condolences offered to Jayne Kamau, Jabona Acheing and Dr Grace Kariuki of Kenya who tragically lost their precious lives in the Ethiopian airlines crash.

The following members and non-member observers attended:

Rashmi Dalvi, Raya Saab, Eman Al Hamsi, Muhammad Saghir Khan, Chi-Kong Li
Scott Howard, BR Agarwal, Majed Al Remeith, Ahmed Al-Zeidi, Asim Rana, Zaheer Lillah,
Amita Trehan, Vaskar Saha, Libin Huang, Kirill Kirgizov, Amina Suleymanova, Lalit Mohan
Sharma, Vandana Dhamankar, Purna Kurkure, Akira Nakagawara, Benson Pau, Catherine
Lam, Ramandeep Arora, Poonam Bagai, Carmen Auste

•AGENDA

1. **Welcome** by Rashmi Dalvi

2. **Minutes of AGM held at Kyoto**, November 2018 which were circulated earlier were approved, proposed by Dr B Agarwal and seconded by Dr P Kurkure.

3 A videographic presentation of **SIOP Asia 2020 meeting, Mumbai** was done. Dr Dalvi informed that the meeting would take place from 27-29th March 2020, with preconference workshops on 26th March. Registrations were open at the SIOP Asia Mumbai stall at Abu Dhabi and members were invited to avail themselves of special rates. Benson Pau suggested that lower rates prevail for parents (USD100) and survivors (USD 50)

4. Dr Dalvi invited **bids for SIOP Asia 2021** to be sent in by 31 August 2019.

5. Comments from **SIOP Asia 2019 LOC**: Dr Eman / Dr Saghir were lauded for putting up a very well organised meeting with an excellent scientific programme and arrangements. Dr Saghir mentioned among the highlights, the SIOP Asia Collaborations symposium, Adapted-treatment protocols session, the preconference sessions on Research Methodology and Surgery/Radiation oncology workshops. Two oral papers would be selected for the Best of Continents session at SIOP Lyon and would get scholarships from their LOC. He suggested having an IPSO Masterclass with SIOP Asia. He promised to put up some of the conference lectures online.

6. Report on **SIOP Asia Newsletter** : In Dr Maya Prasad's absence Dr Dalvi mentioned that another excellent spring issue was just brought out but pointed out that she would need help with bringing out the newsletter in the form of administrative /financial support.

Members were requested to contribute write-ups for the same

7. Report on **Childhood Cancer Resources Asia** : Dr Li and Dr Kirill spoke about this activity, that soft versions are available online and the feedback on it was positive. However they still need updating on information from various countries and in addition to PHO societies and centres, resources for families and hospital also to be looked into. However resources were inadequate and additional administrative support was required. Dr Arora mentioned that the SIOP global mapping of centres may provide some of this information on all approved centres. This was being piloted in Africa presently.

8. **Inputs /comments from CCI – Asia, Nursing Group**: Benson Pau spoke of participation in the WHO-SIOP workshop in Myanmar to form a parents group there. CCI itself had a independent understanding with WHO, signed in January 2018. The present focus of the

WHO-SIOP Global initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) in Asia was Myanmar, scheduled for May 8-9th 2019 with alter possibility of the Phillipines. He also mentioned the importance and extent of ICCD activities across Asia.

9.SIOP Asia membership : Dr Dalvi and Dr Li suggested to improve membership though dissemination in national PHO societies, encouraging junior colleagues and fellows and since SIOP membership fees are significantly reduced for PODC countries, more membership is possible.

10.Any other business : Scott Howard and Catherine Lam spoke about the WHO-SIOP partnership and GICC and advocacy. NCDs including cancers in children are gaining more focus in the Who and efforts are on to develop Knowledge- Action portal, Tools for assessment and implementation, identifying Levels of care, enabling MOUs with institutions and ministries of health, pediatric cancer registration, educational models. GICC is piloting Myanmar in 2019.

Dr Dalvi Mentioned that we need to look at expanding an Action committee for SIOP Asia to include regional representatives as Asia is large continent and also foster Task force activities on issues not commonly addressed or locally relevant.

Pending due to lack of time:

(* Regional representation on SIOP Asia committee ?

* Open question: What could Asia expect from its association with SIOP?)