

Minutes of 2017 Asia SIOP Annual General Meeting

Date: 13 October 2017 (Friday)

Time: 12:50 – 14:00

Venue: Washington Room 6, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington

- 1 The Continental President Chi-kong Li (CL) welcome members to attend the AGM. CL also welcomed Dr. Paul Roger, Secretary General of SIOP and also colleagues of Childhood Cancer International (CCI) join the meeting. A total of 30 SIOP Asia members attended the meeting and 3 CCI members were also present.
- 2 Minutes of 2017 Annual Business Meeting (Bangkok): the minutes had been circulated to members by email and also Newsletter, there was no amendment received, and the minutes was adopted.
- 3 Dr. Panya Seksarn, President of the 11th SIOP Asia Congress reported on 2017 Asia SIOP Congress, Bangkok. There were total of 432 attendants at the Congresses, 315 attending SIOP Asia of which 146 being overseas participants and 169 Thai participants. For the CCI conference, there were total of 117 participants and 63 were coming from overseas, and the participants came from over 30 countries. The scientific program consisted of education sessions, keynote lectures, oral presentations, PODC session. A pre-congress workshop on palliative care was also organized. There was very good feedbacks from the attendants. CL thanked Dr. Seksarn and the LOC for the excellent organization and the very high quality scientific program.
- 4 Presentation of bidding on 2019 Asia SIOP Congress: The Local Organizing Committee from United Arab Emirates (UAE) joined the meeting and made a presentation on the proposed program. Dr. Eman Al Shamsi presented the proposal of scientific program, The congress will be held at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC) on 5-7 April 2019, with a pre-congress workshop on 4 April 2019. There will be education sessions, oral presentations and poster sessions. A session will be delegated to presentation from Paediatric Oncology East and Mediterranean (POEM) as the regional organization may present topics of regional interest. Members also expressed the opinion of a comprehensive program including surgical oncology, PODC and nursing program. There was suggestion of including more regional or Asia speakers to deliver lectures. CCI colleagues also expressed the intention of organization parallel parents and survivor workshops during the congress. Finally representative from the Abu Dhabi Tourism and Cultural Authority presented the logistic arrangement

and traffic options. Colleagues enquired about the flight and ground transport to Abu Dhabi and also the choice of hotels. A range of accommodation cost from 4-5 stars to economic class was suggested by members, in particular members coming from LMIC. There was also suggestion of increasing the number of scholarships to young investigators from LMIC. The LOC would consider the above suggestions and work on the feasible options. After the presentation and discussion, there was no objection from members for Abu Dhabi to host the 12th Asia SIOP Congress in 2019. CL on behalf of SIOP Asia congratulated Abu Dhabi team for the successful bidding of the congress. The Executive Board of SIOP Asia will work closely with LOC on the details of the scientific program, and also report back to SIOP Board.

- 5 Report on Newsletter of Asia SIOP 2017: Dr. Maya Prasad, editor of Newsletter, could not attend the meeting. CL on behalf of Dr. Prasad reported on the Progress. The Newsletter is produced two times per year, and the work is done under the voluntary basis without funding. Contributions from members are welcome and sharing of the professional and parent/survivor activities in the regions are particular attractive. The newsletter is now distributed by emails to members but sometimes have to be in separate mails due to the big size of the file. A link of the newsletter to Asia SIOP website is also available. CL would like to thank Dr. Prasad for her great contribution in producing the high quality Newsletter.
- 6 CL Reported that the Booklet on Asian Paediatric Haematology & Oncology Societies and Centres is now produced with contributions from 19 countries and region. Some countries had both the national societies and the NGOs, while some only had either one of the organization. CL strongly encouraged members to continue the contribution to make this first version complete. The next phase will be contributions from individual treatment centres after vetting by national societies. We aimed at completion of the submission by mid 2018, and then the hard copies of the Booklet will be produced under the support of NSPOH of Russia Federation. The link of the electronic version is now available at the SIOP Asia website:
http://siop-online.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Childhood-Cancer-Resources-Directory-Asia_final-v170908.pdf
- 7 CL reported that the new category of Asia SIOP Membership, non-voting member, was created last year. Since then there were about 20 applications received and the applications will be endorsed after circulation through the Executive Board of SIOP Asia. Dr. Paul Rogers also elaborated on the new membership fee to be discussed in the General Business Meeting of SIOP one day later. A very low membership fee of 20 Euro will be offered to LMIC, and the members would also

receive the electronic copy of PBC with the agreement of Wiley. SIOP would encourage more colleagues to join SIOP. CL welcome the new arrangement and hope that more colleagues in Asia will join SIOP, and the non-voting membership of SIOP Asia may serve as an intermediary to introduce SIOP activities to non-members.

- 8 CL reported that the election for President-elect of Asia continent was successfully conducted, and Dr. Rashmi Delvi is elected, and the result will be formally announced in the SIOP Annual Business Meeting the day following.
- 9 Since there will not be SIOP Asia congress in 2018, the next SIOP Asia Annual General Meeting will be held in Kyoto during the SIOP 2018. The bidding for 2020 SIOP Asia will also be opened end of 2017 and to be confirmed at Kyoto meeting in 2018.
- 10 There being no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 14:00.