August 2020

Dear Colleagues & Friends

Summer / Monsoon Greetings from SIOP Asia !!

Half the year 2020 has passed by, and we have all learnt and still learning, to cope with the challenges brought up by the COVID-19 pandemic; working in the new norm with our patients and our daily lives.

As you may know, the XIIIth SIOP Asia meeting, at Mumbai, has been further postponed from September 2020 to March 19th-21st, 2021. However, science cannot wait, and hence the abstracts will be pre-released in September 2020; papers will then be presented early next year. We hope the global situation improves by then; however, the organizing committee will keep a hybrid/virtual option back-up ready as well. The next hosts for the conference from Guangzhou, China, have graciously consented to move their meeting to 2022.

Meanwhile, we hope most of you have already registered for the main SIOP 2020 meeting, to be held on an exciting interactive virtual platform with attractive registration rates, from 14-17th October 2020. Registration: https://reg.kenes.com/online_reg/2020/siop/reg.html We will try to hold a SIOP Asia General Body Meeting at that time.

You can now follow updates for SIOP Asia, on Twitter @AsiaSiop. If you have any meeting announcements, important publications or achievements from your departments or country, please use the SIOP Asia Twitter site to disseminate the same. You can communicate with me or at rdphoc@gmail.com

I hope you have had a chance to participate in the SIOP-St Jude COVIMPACT survey that was sent out to you earlier, deadline 21st August. Your inputs and views are important; here is the link https://stjudeglobal.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Ah9HQjcdbXXtE9

September is the Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, promoting advocacy, and to raise support & resources for our patients & their families. Do share with us any activities or projects therein. We also invite any written or photographic contributions for the next SIOP Asia newsletter due in autumn.

Look forward to connecting with you online and during SIOP 2020!!

Best Wishes

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