**Minutes SIOP Africa 2018 General Assembly**

**Kyoto, November 2018**

**Chairs: Lorna Renner, Laila Hessisen**

**Notes: Jeannette Parkes**

**Attendees (see attached list)**

Meeting started at 11.50hrs

1. **Welcome**

Lorna Renner (LR) stated that this was her last meeting as President as she is due to hand over to Laila Hessissen (LH). She then informed the meeting about some of her achievements during her term of office. This included: regular communications with SIOP Africa members, the drafting of Statutes for SIOP Africa, constituting an executive board with elected representation from the regions of the continent, parents’ group and nursing group. An advocacy group was set up but has not been functional because of resource limitations. The venues for SIOP Africa are now decided at least 4 years in advance. LR represented SIOP executive board at the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May 2018 and then represented SIOP Africa at the WHO Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer also in Geneva in August.

1. **New SIOP Africa President:**

Laila Hessissen congratulated Lorna Renner and LH accepted office as the new SIOP Africa Continental President. She stated that she would like to know about all African projects in childhood cancer, to complete database.

Will communicate in English.

1. **Minutes from last meeting:**

Corrections: None

Minutes acceptance was proposed by Mariana Kruger. Seconded by Jeannette Parkes.

1. **Matters arising:**
2. Update on SIOP Africa 6-9 March 2019- Prof ElhamyRifky

Prof Elhamy Rifky congratulated Laila on her position as SIOP Africa president. He invited attendeesto Cairo. The venue for the SIOP Africa meeting will be the J W Marriott hotel, a luxury hotel in Cairo. It can accommodate 700 participants.The meeting will feature a wide range of talks and networking opportunities. Faculty include international, regional and African experts. Faculty has been chosen to bridge the LMIC gap.

The organizers have received abstracts from Africa and beyond. Still awaiting further abstracts. Will consider extending abstract submission date after 3rd December.

Travel scholarships are available, (20 from Sanofi and12 from a German university). There are promises from the Egyptian government. Application for scholarship is on the conference website. The organizers will favour young researchers, especially from LICs and with an accepted abstract for the scholarships.

Prof Elhamy was informed that IPSO have requested to be invited to participate in SIOP Africa. Prof Elhamy will communicate with the executive.

1. Confirmation of SIOP Africa 2021- Joyce Balagedde Kambugu(Uganda)

Joyce Balagedde Kambugu confirmed the ability of Uganda to host the SIOP Africa 2021meeting. She informed attendees that she has the support ofthegovernment and the Uganda Cancer Institute. Tentative date will be March/April 2021. Will confirm dates in Cairo.

1. AORTIC - Nov 2019- Mozambique

The meeting was informed that the organisers of AORTIC are keen to have a session on Paediatric Oncology hosted by SIOP Africa. LR askedattendeesfor suggestions on topics. Juliana Challinor (JC) suggested topics should be of interest to adults: Suggestions made included –Management of Adolescent and Young Adult cancers, Radiotherapy and issues of overall importance eg registries. It was decided the session would be on Managing adolescents with cancer. It would include chemotherapy, radiotherapy and supportive care.

1. Regional representatives:

The issue of the SIOP Africa executive board and regional representation was brought up. The meeting was informed that they were elected in 2016 and so still have 1 year of office. It was decided that it would be appropriate to do the next election during the next general assembly of SIOP Africa.

1. Collaborations in Africa
2. SIOP ***Africa Wilms tumour project*** is on going.Trijn Israels(TI) gave a brief update, stating that a number of countries namely Ghana, Cameroon, Malawi and Zimbabwe were participating. She invited others to join. Phase 2 of this collaboration will continue after SIOP Africa 2019.
3. ***Nutrition project***.Mariana Kruger informed the meeting that she will confirm this in Egypt. African working group looking at adapted interventions.
4. ***Supportive care initiative***. Glen MBah stated that this project will start soon. The focus will be on nursing interventions. He invited participation.
5. ***Traditional medicines project update***: Glen Mbah(GM)informed the meeting that he had pioneered this in Cameroon. The project was looking at beliefs and practices, costs effects and demography. This project is under complementary and alternative medicine working group of PODC. Have ethics approval and funding.
6. Christine Edan (GFAOP) made a request for greater ***collaboration between Anglophone and Francophone countries***. LH agreed and will facilitate this for Francophone countries. GM also speaks French and invited nursing from Francophone countries.
7. Brenda Mallon (GFAOP) mentioned that some Francophone countries use GFAOP protocols but would be happy to take part in SIOP Africa Wilms Tumour Collaboration.TI agreed. Wilm’s project includes French speakers in Cameroon.
8. Alan Davidson (AD) informed the meeting that the ***SIOP global mapping survey*** went live the previous day in three languages- English, French and Portuguese. Africa is the target audience for this first survey. He asked for maximum compliance, and requested for referral of names from as many places as possible for the survey. Jennifer Geele endorsed the SIOP global mapping survey. She took attendees through the aims of the mapping study.

SIOP will work closely with WHO as WHO will be undertaking an in-depth study of Paediatric Oncology Services globally.

1. Training opportunities:

LH stated that the GFAOP have multiple opportunities for training: Paediatric Oncology Training in the University of Rabat (Morocco). A 12 months training.

AD informed the meeting that the Young Investigators group have started research mentoring program for those working in LMIC. He reminded everyone to make use of this.

JC mentioned opportunities for nursing training in Pakistan- very African friendly. It is a 2 week very high quality course.

All information for training opportunities is on POINTE. LH will distribute the link via e-mail.

1. **Any other business?**

LH reminded attendees at the business meeting to please ***register for SIOP Africa membership*** which is free of charge. Registration forms were available.

Attendees were also advised to please ***register for SIOP international***. Membership is Euro20. Benefits include:

* Access to SIOP structures and projects.
* Gives access to Paediatric Blood and Cancer (PBC) journal.
* Reduced fees to SIOP meetings.

LH thanked everyone and stated that she was looking forward to seeing everyone in Cairo

Meeting closed at 13h00

Abbreviations: LR Lorna Renner, LH Laila Hessissen, AD Alan Davidson, TI TrijnsIsraels, JC Julia Challinor, JG Jennifer Geel

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