News@SIOP – Supportive Care – August 2016

Role of the Supportive Care working group
To identify those interested and active in Supportive Care, to support one another and generate discussion in the different areas of Supportive Care and offer insight in areas of research and areas of education on Supportive Care issues worldwide:
Chairs; Prof.Dr. T. Lehrnbecher (paediatric oncologist, JW Goethe University, Frankfurt Germany) and Dr. M.D. van de Wetering (paediatric oncologist AMC/emma childrens hospital, Amsterdam, the Netherlands) Both will step down in 2016 and proposed to the board to step in are Prof R Kebudi chair. (Prof Pediatric oncology Istanbul University Oncology institute) and Dr W Tissing vice chair (Pediatric oncologist University of Groningen The Netherlands) and Dr M.D, van de Wetering will stay at their side to coach the supportive care working group.

What has been done 2015-2016
1. In collaboration with POGO (Canada) Development of International Supportive Care guidelines; the International Pediatric Oncology Guideline network has been active in setting up an international network and updating each other by telephone conferences monthly on the progress of guideline development Many members of the supportive care working group are involved worldwide in guideline development.
iPOG Network: http://www.sickkids.ca/Research/iPOG/

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 and as from 2016 W Tissing and F Gibson will step down as co chairs and Dr A Orsey will start as vice chair (pediatric oncologist Connecticut Childrens medical center Hartford Connecticut USA) In Copenhagen 2015 we actively participated in the consensus guidelines from the adult emesis working group on antemetics in children with cancer chaired by Dr L Dupuis (Toronto Canada) This manuscript will soon be published in the Journal of supportive care in cancer. The relationships with the adult working groups are important to gain new insights in Supportive Care which are used in the annual meeting of the Siop Supportive Care working group to spread these insights broadly.

3. 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
Especially in SA SIOP 2015 the connection PODC supportive care and Supportive care working group is high and reason why Prof Kebudi is stepping in as chair.

4. 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 Lehrnbeecher, the part on infectious complications is written by members of the supportive care group of SIOP (e.g., Dr. Lillian Sung)
Publications from chair, vice chair and Young investigators involved in supportive care research

Fertility preservation in children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer: Quality of clinical practice guidelines and variations in recommendations.

Current variations in childhood cancer supportive care in the Netherlands.

Prevalence of Symptomatic and Asymptomatic Thrombosis in Pediatric Oncology Patients With Tunneled Central Venous Catheters.

Predicting microbiologically defined infection in febrile neutropenic episodes in children: global individual participant data multivariable meta-analysis.

Risk-adapted approach for fever and neutropenia in paediatric cancer patients—a national multicentre study.


Guideline for the prevention of oral and oropharyngeal mucositis in children receiving treatment for cancer or undergoing haematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

Communication and integration: a qualitative analysis of perspectives among Middle Eastern oncology healthcare professionals on the integration of complementary medicine in supportive cancer care.

Potential risks associated with traditional herbal medicine use in cancer care: A study of Middle Eastern oncology health care professionals.

Integration of complementary medicine in supportive cancer care: survey of health-care providers’ perspectives from 16 countries in the Middle East.

Evaluating palliative care needs in Middle Eastern countries.


**Annual meeting SIOP 2015-2016**

1) During the meeting we will have a working group meeting session x 1 hour to discuss our progress and new developments and achievements in Dublin 2016 this will be on the last day of the congress the 22nd October 2016.

2) We will have a live IPOG meeting on the same day 22nd Oct from 1500-1700 hrs

3) In 2017 we will strive to present a workshop on guideline development

**Needed improvements in the Supportive Care working group**

Possibility to organize an open meeting on day -1 of SIOP on a topic within supportive care that needs to be discussed such as the intended guideline development meeting.

Spreading the news of this open meeting in a way that we can guarantee attendance as it is clear that the interest in supportive care issues is high and needs to be addressed and research needs to be shared in this important supportive care working group