

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY



## **ABOUT SIOP**

SIOP is the global multidisciplinary society entirely devoted to paediatric and adolescent cancer.

The society has over one thousand members worldwide including doctors, nurses, other health-care professionals, scientists and other researchers.

Our members are dedicated to increasing knowledge and improving all aspects of care for children and adolescents with cancer.

#### Mission

- by advocating globally on behalf of patients to ensure that every child and adolescent with cancer has access to timely diagnosis and state of the art treatment and care
- by providing training opportunities for all childhood and adolescent cancer care providers worldwide on the latest clinical and scientific advances through meetings, networking, and educational outreach for continuing professional development
- by promoting and advancing basic, clinical, and other research, and by supporting collaborative opportunities and translating scientific discovery to improve the outcomes for children and adolescents with cancer
- by supporting those caring for children and adolescents with cancer and to provide them with the best curative and palliative therapies
- by advocating appropriate long-term follow up for survivors

#### Vision

SIOP's vision is that no child should die of cancer and that cure can be achieved with no or minimal late effects.

## **CONTINENTAL BRANCHES**

In addition to the overarching global organisation, SIOP has 6 continental branches (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin and North America, Oceania) to address issues of particular relevance to their area of the world.

Each branch is headed by an elected continental president. Africa, Asia and Europe hold separate regional congresses and their own meetings. Please visit our website for more information and regional contact details.

## **SIOP YI-NET**

#### Mission

The SIOP Young Investigator NETwork (SIOP YI-NET) represents the interests of young investigators in the field of paediatric oncology. SIOP YI-NET provides a platform for young investigators to develop research and scientific skills, and facilitates an international research network with other young investigators in paediatric oncology.

### Aims

## In close collaboration with the SIOP Executive board, SIOP YI-NET aims to:

- Integrate the interests of young investigators within the SIOP objectives
- Provide an online platform for networking and collaboration amongst international young investigators
- Reach out to young investigators in paediatric oncology to promote active involvement of young investigators in SIOP
- Develop and implement sessions in the SIOP Annual Meeting directed at young investigators

## ANNUAL MEETING

Building on a tradition of scientific excellence, our annual meeting is the largest international paediatric oncology gathering in the world and we invite you to take part in the fruitful exchange of ideas and information between physicians from a wide variety of disciplines.

All healthcare professionals involved in work on cancer in children, adolescents and young adults, are encouraged to register for our annual meeting where we will work towards the SIOP vision that no child should die of cancer.

The annual meeting is traditionally held in autumn (September or October) and lasts between 3 and 5 days.

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

SIOP provides many awards and programs to support paediatric oncologists in all stages of their careers and to honour those who have helped to advance the field of paediatric oncology.

#### Schweisguth, Fasanelli, Nöllenburg & D'Angio Prizes

Named after well-known oncologists involved in SIOP, these prizes are prestigious international awards competitively won for the best scientific contribution.

#### **SIOP Awards**

The Scientific Committee selects the six highest scoring abstracts in the fields of basic and translational science, clinical trials and developing paediatric oncology programmes to be presented in the SIOP Awards Session.

#### **SIOP Scholarships**

Each year, SIOP awards scholarships to the best abstracts submitted for the congress to enable young investigators from developing countries to join the congress. Successful candidates will receive financial support towards their travel and accommodation and free registration.

#### Young Investigator Awards

These awards are designed to give young investigators, working in the field of paediatric oncology, the opportunity to present their original research at the SIOP Annual Meeting. Successful candidates will receive financial support towards their travel and accommodation, reduced registration fee at the early, residents/ fellows' rate, even after the deadline. In addition, award recipients will have the opportunity to participate in a dedicated Young Investigator Session and be part of the SIOP YI-NET working group.

You will find more detailed information on eligibility requirements and how to apply to above mentioned awards and prizes on our website.

## MEMBERSHIP

SIOP invites membership applications from health and science professionals who have a major interest in the clinical, laboratory, epidemiological or other research application to the field of childhood cancer.

#### JOIN SIOP today and enjoy exclusive benefits:

- Reduced registration fees for SIOP Annual Meeting
- Free subscription and online access to the Pediatric Blood and Cancer journal (12 issues per year plus SIOP Congress supplement)
- Access to SOSIDO Network and receipt of weekly email digest
- Access to our **online forum**, full **training requirements** and **standards**
- Regular E-newsletter
- Webcasts Access our online library to view selected scientific sessions from past meetings
- Eligibility to apply for Scholarships and Young Investigator Awards

**110** countries

- Opportunity to organize meetings under the auspices of SIOP
- Access to our SIOP Members Zone
- Inclusion in and access to our online SIOP Membership Directory

# SIOP has over one thousand members worldwide and its annual meeting is typically attended by 1,800 healthcare professionals

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Join our SIOP Community now and help raise awareness for children and adolescents with cancer. For membership categories and application process, kindly visit **www.siop-online.org** or contact our SIOP Membership Services at **siopmembership@kenes.com** 

## JOURNAL

Pediatric Blood and Cancer (PBC), official journal of SIOP, provides broad coverage of basic and clinical research in the malignant diseases of childhood and adolescents.

## PODC COMMITTEE

Although SIOP has supported efforts to treat children and adolescents with cancer in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) for a long time, the Pediatric Oncology in Developing Countries (PODC) Committee was officially established in 1990 and then restructured in 2010 and has the goal to address disparities of care across the world.

The PODC Committee is led by two co-chairs and has 10 working groups. Each working group is led by two co-chairs (SIOP members), one of whom must be from an LMIC. Currently, there are over 500 members of PODC and its WG from all professions related to childhood cancer care who volunteer their time and expertise.SIOP PODC Working Group activities address the following issues:

- Abandonment of Treatment
- Adapted Therapy Regimens
- Palliative Care
- Supportive Care
- Nutrition
- Nursing
- Parents
- Twinning, Collaboration and Support
- Education and Training
- Essential Drugs

The PODC Committee meets quarterly, three times online and once at the annual SIOP meeting (all congress participants are welcome). At the annual meeting, the PODC Committee sponsors symposia and workshops of interest to professionals working in and with LMIC.

Interested professionals working in childhood cancer care from any country are welcome to join PODC by contacting the cochairs listed on the SIOP website.

## ADVOCACY

Advocacy is central to the vision of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) which is that "no child should die of cancer." SIOP has a critical and important role in contributing towards the global reduction of infant and child mortality:

- Lead the campaign to raise awareness and build a global momentum mobilizing communities worldwide;
- Make childhood cancer better understood by the general public;
- Educate and influence key opinion leaders to address childhood cancer in their communities;
- Educate legislators to enact appropriate policies that could benefit childhood cancer communities;
- Advocate for appropriate long term follow up for survivors;
- **Document** "Best Practices" in childhood cancer treatment, care and support;
- **Raise** awareness to the need for appropriate access to care and essential medications.

SIOP Committees are working closely with Childhood Cancer International (CCI), the World Health Organization (WHO), affiliated non-governmental organizations (NGO) and other partners in civil society.



SIOP Board of Directors with Dr Oleg Chestnov, World Health Organization Assistant Director General, Hong Kong, S.A.R. China, 2013





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