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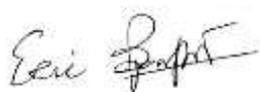
**SIOP leadership to attend United Nations General Assembly Side Event “ENSURING A RIGHT TO CURE: CHILDHOOD CANCER CARE AND GLOBAL SURVIVAL DISPARITIES”**

**Geneva, Switzerland – September 24, 2018** – As official non-state actor with WHO and one of the major stakeholders in the just recently launched WHO “Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer”, SIOP leadership has been officially invited to attend the between the United Nations General Assembly Side Event “ENSURING A RIGHT TO CURE: CHILDHOOD CANCER CARE AND GLOBAL SURVIVAL DISPARITIES” on September 28, 2018.

The meeting is organized by the Missions of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, El Salvador, the Republic of Moldova, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Philippines and the Russian Federation in partnership with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and WHO.

With September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, this high-level conversation will examine childhood cancer care, global survival disparities and strategies to address such disparities. WHO is working with global partners to establish an initiative to catalyze global efforts to transform childhood cancer outcomes worldwide. Actions to increase childhood cancer survival today represent effective and tangible steps as part of the broader fight against non-communicable diseases – steps that will save many more lives of children, now and for years to come.

Dr Eric Bouffet (SIOP President) will participate at the meeting on behalf of the SIOP community and will have the opportunity to give a brief talk from a SIOP perspective as well. As the only global multidisciplinary professional society entirely devoted to paediatric and adolescent cancer, we look forward to using this high-level platform to expand our work together to improve the global situation for children with cancer and advance on our mission that “No child should die of cancer and that cure can be achieved with no or minimal late effects”.



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**About SIOP**

Established in 1969, the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP), is the only global multidisciplinary society entirely devoted to paediatric and adolescent cancer.

The society has over 1,500 members worldwide including doctors, nurses, other health-care professionals, scientists and researchers. Our members are dedicated to increasing knowledge about all aspects of childhood cancer.

SIOP’s vision is that no child should die of cancer and that cure can be achieved with no or minimal late effects. [www.siop-online.org](http://www.siop-online.org)

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