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No child should die of cancer



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About SIOP

The Société Internationale d'Oncologie Pédiatrique/International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) was formed on November 6, 1969, as a small group of specialists at the Institut Gustave-Roussy (IGR) in Villejuif, Paris, who's mission it was to advance the study and care of children with cancer, a basic mission that continues to this day.

These aims have expanded to embrace the advancement of basic research as well as clinical studies, the inclusion of nurses, other health professionals and parents, and the organization of teaching and outreach programs to better the lot of children in underdeveloped nations and societies.

By today, SIOP has transformed itself into a truly global, multifaceted organization and is the only global multidisciplinary society entirely devoted to paediatric and adolescent cancer. The society has over 1800 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.

Vision

No child should die of cancer and that cure can be achieved with no or minimal late effects.

Mission

- By advocating globally on behalf of patients and families to ensure that every child and adolescent with cancer has access to state of the art diagnosis, 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



Awareness and Advocacy: One Voice for Childhood Cancer SIOP is official non-state actor with WHO

After many years of preparation, planning, collaboration and the tireless efforts of the **SIOP Global Advocacy Committee** under the leadership of Dr Gabriele Calaminus, we announce with great excitement that the **International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) is now in official relations with the WHO as a non-state actor.**



*SIOP Advocacy Landmark Event I 68th World Health Assembly, 18 May 2015
(from left to right: Fritz Pleitgen, Gabriele Calaminus, Giorgio Perilongo and Ralf Herold)*

The application and **three-year work plan (2018 - 2020)** were approved during the recent **142nd session of the WHO Executive Board held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 22 - 27 January 2018** and this new mandate provides SIOP with unique opportunities, privileges and responsibilities. SIOP will have a presence at WHO meetings and collaborate within the rich network of WHO partners.

As a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), SIOP has committed to contribute substantially to WHO activities according to the agreed and accepted working plan by:

- Providing technical inputs on follow-up of regional/national workshops, local stakeholders workplans, and advocacy;
- Supporting programmes that address competencies for childhood cancer control by disseminating WHO guidance and using the robust SIOP network;
- Conducting advocacy activities to improve access to essential medicines and medical technologies, by performing a situational analysis, identifying barriers and supporting implementation of programmes in select countries;

SIOP is now a step further in placing the fight **against Childhood and Adolescent Cancer** on the Global Agenda and **making a difference** in the lives of children with cancer and their families worldwide.

The SIOP Global Advocacy Committee **thanks the SIOP community and all partners** for their continuous support during the application process. We look forward to using this opportunity to expand our work together to improve the global situation for children with cancer.



International Childhood Cancer Day



About ICCD

15th of February is International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)!
ICCD is a global collaborative campaign to raise awareness about childhood cancer, and to express support for children and adolescents with cancer, the survivors and their families.

Our Message

Children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer across the global in increasing numbers today in 2019. Up to 80% of those children live in low- and middle-income countries without the resources to fully cure or treat their disease. SIOP members work on all continents to increase early diagnosis and improve healthcare services to give these children/adolescents the best chance for cure. This effort requires nurses, physicians, pathologists, surgeons, psychologists, nutritionists and others who apply their expertise to support families and the children/adolescents in their cancer journey including survivorship.

Successful childhood cancer treatment infrastructure requires advocacy with governments, healthcare experts, community leaders and businesses to provide the resources for appropriate childhood cancer care.

Please join SIOP on ICCD 2019 as we highlight the action taken by all our members to strive for a cure and care for all children and adolescents with cancer across the world.

How Can You Get Involved?

Share your Activity or Event with us!

Unite your colleagues, friends, families and local community for ICCD!

Whether a fundraiser, flash mob, or fun run, your activity will raise awareness and make a difference.

Email us all the important details directly to info@siop-online.org and we will make them publicly available on our campaign website and share on social media.

Join our Social Media Campaign

Raise awareness by participating in our **#careandcureforall** Campaign! Use our social media graphic by using the hashtag **#careandcureforall** as well as **#ICCD2019** when posting on social media.

[Download here](#)



WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative

Ensuring a Right to Cure: Global Initiative in Childhood Cancer

SIOP, the only global multidisciplinary society entirely devoted to paediatric and adolescent cancer, represented by Dr Eric Bouffet (SIOP President) at this high-level meeting provided its overwhelming support for the **World Health Organization's (WHO) announcement of its new global initiative to bridge gaps in care and cure, and advance outcomes for children with cancer from low-middle versus high-income countries.**



The announcement came at the **United Nations (UN) General Assembly's side-meeting on childhood cancer on September 28, 2018** which was 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.

The **WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer** partners with national and

international stakeholders including SIOP and CCI (Childhood Cancer International) **to provide leadership and technical assistance to support governments in building and sustaining high-quality childhood cancer programs.**

The target goal of the WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative is **to achieve at least 60% survival for all children with cancer by 2030.** This represents an approximate doubling of the current cure rate and will save an additional one million children's lives over the next decade.

The objectives are to:

- Increase political commitment and capacity of countries to deliver best practices in childhood cancer diagnosis and treatment;
- Support governments to develop high-quality cancer centers as well as develop standards and tools to guide the planning and implementation of interventions for early diagnosis, treatment and palliative and survivorship care inclusive of the needs of childhood cancers;
- Improve access to affordable essential child cancer medicines and technologies;
- Support governments to safeguard families of children with cancer from social isolation and financial ruin as a result of cancer care;
- Prioritize cancer as a child health priority and increase available funding at the national and global levels.

This initiative **is founded on the World Health Assembly's resolution on Cancer Prevention and Control** through an Integrated Approach (WHA70.12), which urges governments and WHO to accelerate action to achieve the targets specified in the **Global Action Plan and 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development to reduce premature mortality from cancer.**

[WHA70.12: Cancer prevention and control in the context of an integrated approach](#)

Actions to increase childhood cancer survival today represent effective and tangible steps as part of the broader fight against non-communicable diseases and steps that will catalyze global efforts to transform childhood cancer outcomes worldwide and ultimately save many more lives of children, now and for years to come.



Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and is symbolised by a gold ribbon, worn to commemorate the event. This is an annual international awareness month to raise support, funding and awareness of childhood cancers and the impact for sufferers and families!

How I live

How I Live with Cancer chronicles the journey of children with cancer in low and middle-income countries. By following their journeys from diagnosis through treatment, we witness many of the complex issues facing patients, families and healthcare providers. Documentary style observational filmmaking provides a window into both the interpersonal networks and healthcare systems that support and guide families through treatment. Amidst some of life's most difficult situations, stories of innovation and resilience emerge. howilivewithcancer.com

SIOP 2019 Lyon - How I live - Movie Screening

Thursday, October 24th
after Keynote 1 – 09:10-09:40
Commission Room Bellecour 1,2 & 3 (max. capacity 300 persons)

The Look Again Campaign

The Look Again campaign is a program put together to train and teach community-level health workers and community health extension workers on simple skills to identify possible early signs and symptoms of childhood cancers using The Dorcas Cancer foundation 5 Signs & 5 Questions Method™ training module designed by seasoned pediatric oncologist in the foundation.

Walk the Talk New York: The Health for All Challenge



Please visit our [campaign website](#) to see all the activities of our community during this special month!



Education, Professional Development, and Research
51st Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology
Lyon, France, October 23 – 26, 2019



**LYON, FRANCE
OCTOBER 23-26
2019**



Our annual meeting promotes education about all aspects of Paediatric & Adolescent Oncology to all oncology professionals, parents and survivors of cancer.

Our congress represents a unique opportunity to stay up to date in this rapidly moving field and to bring the latest science to bedside.

With attendance of over 2000 multi-disciplinary health care professionals from over 100 , the meeting encourages networking among our membership and delegates and to promote collaborative research, mentor young investigators and offer education opportunities globally.

**50TH CONGRESS
ANNIVERSARY**
A YEAR OF RECORDS



2,475
ATTENDEES

1,546
ABSTRACTS RECEIVED

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MEMBERS



MORE THAN
20% GROWTH
IN FOLLOWERS

f 4,600 FOLLOWERS
61,300 REACH DURING SIOP 2018
11,200 ENGAGEMENTS

t 3,400 FOLLOWERS
3,470 TWEETS DURING SIOP 2018
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SIOP 2018 Kyoto, Statistics

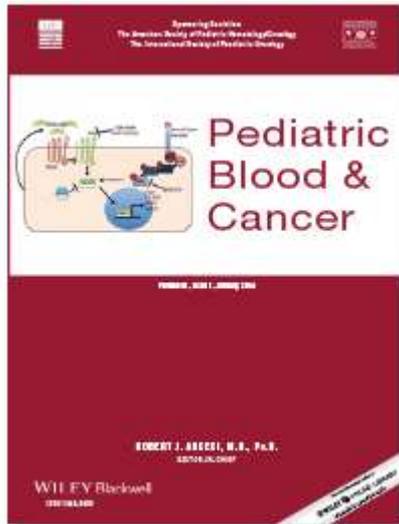
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Pediatric Blood and Cancer (PBC)

Pediatric Blood & Cancer (PBC), published monthly by Wiley-Blackwell, is the official journal of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) and ASPHO.



Peter E. Newburger, MD, of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA, serves as editor. Editorial board members represent the international constituencies of both SIOP and ASPHO.

PBC publishes manuscripts describing basic and clinical investigations of blood disorders and malignant diseases of childhood, including diagnosis, treatment, epidemiology, etiology, biology, and molecular and clinical genetics of these diseases as they affect children, adolescents, and young adults.

In January 2014, *Pediatric Blood & Cancer* became online-only. The **online-only publication** reflects a larger trend, with scholarly journals everywhere moving rapidly toward electronic-only distribution.

A joint ASPHO and SIOP Publications Committee meets regularly to provide support, oversight, and guidance to the journal. Members of the committee include the presidents and officers of each society. This committee is chaired by Peter Newburger, MD.

Other societies affiliated with and contributing to the journal include The Histiocyte Society, the European Society for Paediatric Hematology and Immunology, and the International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology.



Committees & Working Groups

The Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee are primarily responsible for the organisation of the annual SIOP congress. They plan the programme, evaluate the submitted abstracts, and liaise closely with the Local Organising Committee to ensure that the whole congress runs smoothly. [Find out more](#)

The Paediatric Oncology in Developing Countries (PODC)

This group lead on the work that SIOP does in developing countries. They have a number of working groups and taskforces, including: adapted treatment regimens; nursing; palliative care; Supportive care and Essential Drugs among others. They also run the [CancerPOINTE](#) network which is a fantastic resource for education and training. [Find out more](#)

Young Investigators (YI)

The SIOP YI Network represents the interests of young investigators in the field of paediatric oncology. It 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. A YI is any SIOP member or associate member under the age of 40 years, from any clinical or academic background. The YI group run one stream of the Educational Day and have many other events throughout the congress. [Find out more](#)

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. [Find out more](#)

Nursing Steering Committee

The SIOP Nursing Group is dedicated to improving the lives of children with cancer and their families worldwide. [Find out more](#)

Paediatric Psycho-oncology (PPO)

This group at SIOP are committed to ensuring that psycho-oncology is considered as an active component of cancer treatment, counselling and rehabilitation. The group run a stream at the Educational Day at congress and have further sessions at the meeting. They have a regular newsletter which you can sign up for at the SIOP website. [Find out more](#)

Supportive Care

Working group which provides a platform for a group of enthusiastic members who discuss supportive care issues within SIOP. As treatment becomes more complex, supportive care will have a major role in improving quality of care, decreasing morbidity and mortality [Find out more](#)

Nutrition Network

The Network's main objective is to facilitate the incorporation of evidence-based nutritional practice into the care of children and adolescents with cancer in order to improve clinical outcomes e.g. reduced therapy-related toxicities, prolonged survival and enhanced quality of life. [Find out more](#)



Affiliated & Partnering Societies

International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO)

IPSO is an affiliated society with SIOP, specifically for paediatric oncology surgeons. They hold their annual meeting at the SIOP congress and have a stream at the Educational Day, along with many other events during the programme. [Find out more](#)

Paediatric Radiation Oncology Society (PROS)

PROS is an affiliated society with SIOP, focused on all professionals working in paediatric radiation oncology. They hold their annual meeting at the SIOP congress and have a stream at the Educational Day, along with many other events during the programme. [Find out more](#)

Childhood Cancer International (CCI)

CCI is an umbrella organization of childhood cancer grassroots and national parent organizations. They are an affiliated society and take the lead on patient and parent involvement with SIOP. They have their own stream at the Educational Day along with many other events during the programme. [Find out more](#)



Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon any present or past member of the Society for his/her substantial contributions to paediatric oncology and who is retired from regular practice and academics.

Nursing Lifetime Achievement Award

The Nursing Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed upon any present or past member of the Society for his/her substantial contributions to paediatric oncology nursing.

Schweisguth Prize Lecture

This prize is awarded to the author of the best scientific article by a trainee in the field of paediatric oncology. The prize is given in honour of Dr. O. Schweisguth, founding member and first President of SIOP.

St. Baldrick's Int. Robert J. Arceci Innovation Awards

This award reflects Dr. Robert J. Arceci's values, which include: thinking outside the box, risk-taking, true innovation and collaboration on an international level.

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 during our Annual Meeting.

Fasanelli Prize (best Ewing Sarcoma abstract)

The Fasanelli Prize is awarded to the best paper on Ewings tumour, if abstract submissions of good enough standard allow. The abstracts selected for the Fasanelli Prize Session are determined by the SIOP Scientific Committee and presented during the Annual Meeting.

Nöllenburg Prize (odd Annual Meeting years only)

The Nöllenburg Prize is awarded to the best bone tumour abstract. The abstracts selected for the Nöllenburg Prize Session are determined by the SIOP Scientific Committee and presented during the Annual Meeting.

Scholarships

For each annual meeting, SIOP provides 20 PODC and 5 Nurse scholarships to people who have insufficient resources to participate and to travel to the meeting. Successful candidates will receive financial support towards their travel and accommodation costs up to EUR 1500 and free registration to the annual meeting.

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.

Poster Awards

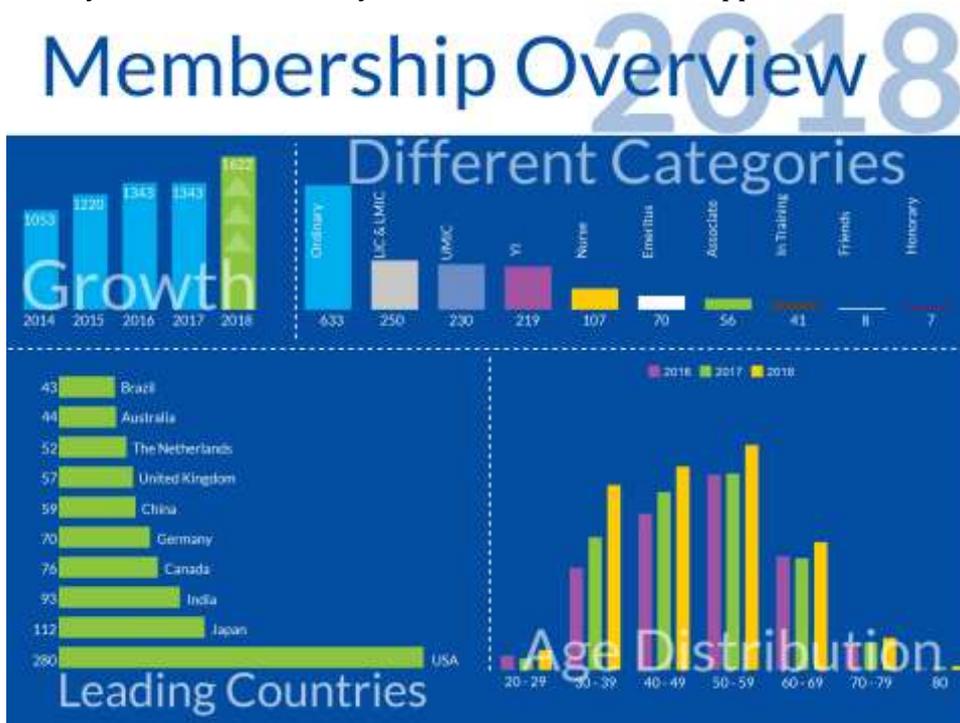
The best poster in each medical/academic discipline, as stated on the abstract submission, is eligible for a poster prize.



Uniting the Paediatric Oncology Community Membership

SIOP has worked diligently throughout 2018 on member engagement and recruitment. With the new membership fee structure which has been approved in 2017, we could also facilitate access to membership to many of our colleagues in the developing world.

As of November 16, 2018, we had 1622 individual members from 92 countries. We thank you our members for your continuous trust and support.



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Partnerships

Achieving our vision of a life of “no child should die of cancer” is a task that SIOP cannot be achieved alone. We are committed to building our partnerships at global, regional and national level to scale up and deliver improvements in prevention, treatment and support to reduce the burden of childhood cancer at a global, regional and national level.

In 2018 we became an official non-state actor with WHO and signed our joint implementation plan for the year next three years which will also see us collaborate on the delivery of the Global Childhood Cancer Initiative.

We also continued to work closely with our long-term partners and affiliated societies Childhood Cancer International (CCI), The International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO) and The Paediatric Radiation Oncology Society (PROS) to achieve shared goals through joint projects and programmes and operational/organizational platforms.

Other partners and supports include:

- Sanofi Espoir Foundation
- St. Baldrick's Foundation
- International Union against Cancer (UICC)
- International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)
- NDC Alliance
- World Child Cancer (WCC)

We welcome and actively seek new partners and will continue to work to broaden our industry, NGO and philanthropic partners.



Promoting Best Practice through Global Guidelines and Tools Global Mapping of Paediatric Oncology Services

SIOP has now mapped Africa for paediatric oncology services!



We are proud to announce that the first stage of the SIOP Global Mapping of Paediatric Oncology Services projects has been launched in November 2018 during our annual meeting in Kyoto.

The main objective of this effort is to collect information via a survey on the current landscape of paediatric oncology services around the world, and the resources available in each individual country.

The SIOP Global Mapping project is an initiative from the SIOP Board of Directors, and implemented by regional and PODC heads and the SIOP PODC Education and Training Working Group. It is being supported with a grant from My Child Matters – thank you, Sanofi Espoir Foundation.

We are collecting information via a survey on the current landscape of paediatric oncology services around the world, and the resources available in each individual country.

The SIOP Global Mapping survey is about to enter its second year, and second region. The first year, we collected data on Africa, and next we hope to do the same for Latin America in partnership with SLAOP.

We aim to describe accurately the disparity of resources available to treat children/adolescents with cancer to advocate for more resources at all levels. With regular updates, we can measure the impact of our collective efforts to improve access to optimal care for children and their families, develop collaborations between/among institutions or networks, initiate twinning initiatives, and share protocols.

Preliminary analysis of the data from Africa shows the following:

- We have data from all but 5 African countries
- Results vary widely across this large continent
- Over 400 people have completed the survey
- 25 African countries have no services for paediatric oncology

This project has the potential to benefit everyone, especially the children for whom we care.

Thank you to our sponsor:



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The Paediatric Oncology International Training and Education Network (POINTE)

One of the most significant barriers to adequately treating children with cancer in resource-limited settings is a lack of health care workers in paediatric oncology. Many training programs and educational materials are available but that information is often difficult to find and not easily accessible. Recognizing this unmet need, the leadership of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)-Paediatric Oncology for Developing Countries (PODC) Education and Training Working Group (E/T WG) sought to investigate which training opportunities were available and make these more accessible to health care workers from resource-limited settings.

In October 2014, they launched the initial website with a database of paediatric oncology training programs. The site served as a link between health care workers and the opportunities. Through personal communication, web searches and other methods, they compiled an extensive list. The “Find an Expert” program was developed throughout the following year, in an effort to link providers in resource-limited settings with their counterparts in high-resourced countries for help with care management and additional educational opportunities.

Though obtaining thousands of page views and being visited from 125 countries on the initial website, the SIOP-PODC E/T WG felt that this project had greater potential to reach more people and have a more profound impact. The Paediatric Oncology International Training and Education Network (POINTE) was launched on October 18, 2016 as an extension of this project. POINTE will remain true to the original goals of the founders: not creating any new content, serving as a link to help make existing information more accessible to health care workers from resource-limited settings, and open access with no passwords or members-only restrictions. If just one health care worker benefits from this initiative, they have the potential to touch countless lives



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