**SIOP Nutrition Network Winter Newsletter 2019**

Convenors: Paul C Rogers & Ronald D Barr

Chairs HIC Nutrition Working Group: Terezie Mosby & Wim JE Tissing

Chairs PODC/LMIC Nutrition working group.: Karina Viani, Amita Trehan Ligia Fu (incoming)

Dear SIOP Members and colleagues,

The SIOP Nutrition Network held its third annual meeting in Lyon . The minutes of which are attached below, courtesy of Ronnie Barr . The Network was founded to embrace all aspects of nutrition that impact paediatric oncology and to foster communication of all those with a specific interest in nutrition from a multidisciplinary and research perspective. It is our desire to link closely with other like minded organizations such as IARC, UICC & IIPAN. Nutritional workshops are being actively promoted at the regional SIOP meetings

A very successful symposium organized by Elena Ladas was held in Lyon “My Child Matters Symposium: Advancing education and research in LMICS” The recording of this is available on the SIOP website There was a joint meeting with IARC which hopefully will lead to further collaboration.

We wish to further improve communication between all in the nutrition community by establishing social media sites to encourage active dialogue, blogs and even discussion on nutritional clinical dilemmas. We would be keen to know of those of you with an interest in getting this going. We would like to involve YIs in this project. Please contact us if you wish to be on our mailing list: progers@cw.bc.ca

**Minutes SIOP Nutrition Network**

**October 23, 2019**

**Lyon, France**

* Those in attendance are identified in the attached list and introduced themselves.
* Reports were received from the LMIC (Karina and Amita) and HIC (Terezie and Wim) groups and are attached
* Karina addressed the LMIC report and highlighted
	+ The regional meeting in Chennai, India, January 2019
	+ The national registry in 9 centres in Brazil
	+ The prospective studies in ALL in Guatemala
	+ The longitudinal study of food security in 4 centres in South Africa
* Terezie addressed the HIC report (condensed in attachments) and highlighted the study of body composition to occur in 10 countries and the SCAN tool now in use in 7 countries.
* In subsequent open discussion
	+ Jeremy and Minke reported on the Global Health initiatives of Texas Children’s Hospital. There is an emphasis on capacity building in Botswana, Malawi and Uganda. Studies of dose reduction of chemotherapy in children with SAM and of prevention of malnutrition in Malawi are underway.
	+ Elena noted that IIPAN is involved in 27 hospitals in 7 countries, focusing on education, research and capacity building
	+ Elena reported also on the State of the Science symposium on nutrition during the most recent COG meeting, papers from which will be published as a JNCI monograph. There is an interest in studying the microbiome in children with acute GVHD of the gut
	+ Paul brought attention to a supplement on nutrition that will appear in Pediatric Blood and Cancer with the support of the Sanofi Espoir Foundation
	+ Mike addressed an early initiative in the UK with a focus on clinical and scientific questions in nutrition pertaining to children and adolescents with cancer. With funding support from the Wellcome Trust, a study will be undertaken on cardio metabolic outcomes in BMT survivors
	+ Erin confirmed that the Harvard – BCH partnership is continuing to build its collaborative programme in Myanmar.
* Upcoming meetings include
	+ Collaboration prospects with IARC, October 25 in Lyon
	+ Nutrition in children with cancer in East Africa, January 2020 in Nairobi
	+ SIOP Asia in March 2020 in Mumbai
	+ The next SIOP meeting with be in October 2020 in Ottawa, Canada !!!

All the best for this holiday season.

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