# Greetings from the SIOP Nursing Committee – Spring 2021

The SIOP Nurse Steering Committee welcomed new members **Yan Yin Lim, MSN RN** from Singapore, and **Dee Ann Omatsu, NP** from Hawaii, representing nursing on the local organizing committee in Honolulu. **Shenila Anwarali** from Pakistan, a member the Nursing PODC Committee, has graciously stepped for Rehana Punjwami who is on leave from the committee.

Nominations were received for two upcoming vacancies on the Nursing Committee, which will open when Rehana and Pernilla Perget complete their terms in October. Elections will be in April – watch for updates. We hope to have as many nurse voting members as possible participate in the election – spread the word!

Nominations for the Nursing Lifetime Achievement Award are also being accepted through March 22.

**SIOP PODC Nursing**

The recent issue of “Making Global Connections” coincided with International Childhood Cancer Day and can be found [here](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__siop-2Donline.org_news_making-2Dglobal-2Dconnections_&d=DwMGaQ&c=qS4goWBT7poplM69zy_3xhKwEW14JZMSdioCoppxeFU&r=Y62wN10Mj7HlCzzMFyAkxK7pIVbMESHJ7kLwouVDZ77jXpVV1Bs9UTZnElwViPit&m=ivWGTy1zjo6Als8RHHDEvZDDxu-GezGLMcCLfePDX10&s=dbp0HPZ4jreUfH_6QPpCbBF-OpWzWeuLdnDFbqp9bro&e=), celebrating nurses from across the globe who continue their work to improve pediatric oncology nursing care despite the disruption of the pandemic. Included in the newsletter is the calendar for the SIOP PODC Nursing monthly education series. This month features “Update on Safe Chemotherapy Handling” presented by Sherif Kamal, co-chair of the Onco-Pharmacy Task Force.

**Nursing Engagement in the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC)**

The Nurse Specialists of the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (NSGICC) hosted two webinars in February to discuss nursing priorities within the WHO GICC. Updates on nursing advocacy efforts were presented, followed by presentations from focus country nurse liaisons from Peru, the Philippines and Zambia. Over 150 nurses from 38 countries attended the sessions, highlighting the need for ongoing communication and networking for nurses committed to the GICC mission. Special thanks to the WHO GICC team representatives who attended and offered greetings, and to nurse liaisons **Aprille Campos Bayanat** (Philippines), **Biemba Maliti** (Zambia), and **Zulma Carpio** (Peru) who shared their experiences as nurse representatives from GICC focus countries. Well done!

**SIOP Congress 2021**

Preliminary planning for the 2021 Nursing Program is underway. We look forward to a robust scientific program and plan to collaborate again with YI, Supportive Care Group and others for sessions offered at the pre-conference Education Day. Nursing abstracts are currently being accepted and are now grouped into three categories– research, education, and quality projects. These categories are available to choose from upon abstract submission.