

Young SIOP Network: Newsletter September 2022

Message From the Steering Group

Dear Young SIOP Network,

Welcome to September and the beginning of Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Check out the exciting activities for [#GoldSeptember](#) around the world this month!



The fall always feels like a time for new beginnings, and here at the YSN, it is no exception. After such a long time apart, we are getting so excited to welcome you all in person during our Education Day at SIOP 2022 and to our Collaborative Event hosted by Texas Children's Global HOPE program. Please [register](#) in advance!

We want to also take the opportunity to thank Dr. Gemma Bryan, chair of the Young SIOP Network, for all of her exceptional hard work over the last 3 years of her term, which comes to an end this fall. We are excited to welcome Korede Akindele, a member of our Social Media Committee, who was successfully nominated as incoming chair of the YSN. We can't wait to see what your enthusiasm brings to the team.

We are also delighted to congratulate Dr. Khaled Ghanem, Pediatric Oncologist in Damascus, Syria, for being the winner of the inaugural YSN Rising Star Award in 2022. We had many excellent applicants this year and wish to congratulate everyone who applied for the award; you are all doing great work in the field of pediatric oncology!

As always, we love to have new members join our network and working groups! Please reach out by [e-mail](#), social media (follow us on Twitter! [@youngsiop](#)), or in person in Barcelona if you have any questions or would like to learn more!

Yours in kindness,

Gemma, Stephanie, Sarah, Erin, Louise, and Gabi

Featured Young SIOP Member: Dr Khaled Ghanem, Rising Star Award Winner 2022



Dr. Ghanem is a Pediatric Oncologist and Medical Director of the BASMA Pediatrics Oncology Unit in Damascus, Syria. After finishing his fellowship in 2018, Dr. Ghanem returned to his home country of Syria to lead the restoration and development of a large pediatric oncology centre, which had been markedly affected by the civil war. Under his leadership in the last four years, there have been major increases in capacity to treat pediatric patients and standardization of care, resulting in improved outcomes.

In addition to his leadership at the institutional level, Dr. Ghanem has been involved in leadership roles in regional pediatric oncology consortia, most notably serving as a Board Member of the Pediatric Oncology East & Mediterranean (POEM) collaborative group, which elected him as a member of the POEM Executive Committee in 2020 and who recently appointed him as the Chair for the Scientific Committee of its upcoming Educational Conference. Internationally, Dr. Ghanem's contributions and leadership is recognized as he was invited as a key stakeholder to the WHO initial meeting on planning the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC), and he was also invited to be a temporary advisor to the WHO for evaluating projects submitted from the East Mediterranean region, as part of the GICC initiative, over the past year.

Dr. Ghanem has already published more than 10 peer-reviewed articles, and has presented his research work in multiple international meetings, notably winning the best poster award at the ASH 2017 annual meeting, and presenting his work on capacity building in Syria during recent SIOP congresses.

We are thrilled to celebrate Dr. Ghanem's remarkable achievements and recognize them with this inaugural award.

Do you want to be featured here? E-mail us at young_siop@siop-online.org and tell us who you are!

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

★ **SIOP Congress - Young SIOP Network Events**

- Education Day & Expert Lunch
 - Please join us in person in Barcelona or online for our Education Day sessions on September 28th! Sneak peak of the program is below.
 - Please join the [waitlist](#) for our annual Expert Lunch!
- Global Hope Young SIOP Network Collaborative Event
 - Describe and include link to [register](#) (free)
- Fun Run & Walk
 - Join SIOP for their traditional congress morning run & walk, where they will have a limited number of Gold September branded t-shirts available for attendees. More information can be found on the congress website [here](#)



★ **SIOP #GoldSeptember 2022**

- Please check out SIOP's [campaign](#) in partnership with Childhood Cancer International for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.
- Featured events are listed below!





SIOP CEDAR Webinar Series

In collaboration with the International Pediatrics Association (IPA), SIOP will be hosting a series of educational webinars on childhood tumours. The first webinar of this series is titled "**Outcomes of Childhood Cancers: Gaps and Disparities to be addressed**".

- This online event will take place on Friday 9 September 2022 from 2 - 3 pm UTC.
- Register [here](#) (free of charge)



SIOPE & MAC Webinar for Gold September: Championing the importance of the Paediatric Regulation in the future revision of the EU pharmaceutical legislation

- **Hosted by:** MEP Véronique Trillet-Lenoir (Renew Europe, FR), MAC Interest Group Co-Chair
- **Co-organised** with the Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL) and in cooperation with Childhood Cancer International – Europe (CCI Europe)
- Register [here](#) (free of charge)

YSN Education Day 2022 - Program Finalised!

We are SO looking forward to this year's Education Day which once again promises to be an exciting event! The final program can be found on the conference website [HERE](#)!

Highlights include:

- *Learning From my Failures:* Dr. Julia Challinor, Secretary-General of SIOP
- *Unmet Needs for AYA: Opportunities for Advocacy through Treatment and Beyond* - A Joint AYA Oncology Session with Global Health & Nursing Networks
- Our annual Expert Lunch - see all speakers listed on the Young SIOP and Congress Website
 - Registration is full but you can join the waitlist [here](#).
- *Research Domains in Pediatric Oncology: Opportunities around the World* - Featuring Dr Guillermo Chantada, Dr Scott Howard, Dr Lee Dupuis and Chair, Dr Ronald Barr
- *To PhD or not to PhD:* A friendly debate between two former YSN Steering Group members
- *Impact of the CoVID-19 Pandemic on Early Careers: A Gender-Based Perspective*
 - With special guest from the newly formed Women Leaders of Pediatric Oncology
- *An Introduction to Next Generation Sequencing:* Dr Michael Pulsipher

We can't wait to see you there!

Opportunities

Young SIOP in Other Networks

- Are you interested in becoming involved with the Global Health Network? The Nursing Network? One of our Continental Organisations? Many of these groups within the broader SIOP community have committees and opportunities for Young SIOP members.
- Please reach out and we can help connect you to the right people!

Pediatric Oncology Conferences - Around the World!

- Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON): Sept 15-17, 2022
 - [Hybrid Event](#) (West Palm Beach, FL (USA))
- 2nd Annual Children, Adolescents, and Young Adult Cancer Survivorship (CAYAS) Conference: Sept 24, 2022
 - Live event (Dublin), more information [here](#)
- 10th European Hematology Association (EHA) Pediatric Course: Oct 19-22, 2022 (Sorrento, Italy)
 - Live event (english language), Info and registration [here](#)
- 2022 International Symposium on Hodgkin Lymphoma (ISHL12): Oct 22-24
 - Live Event (Cologne, Germany), Info [here](#)
- 2022 Connective Tissue Oncology Society (CTOS) Annual Meeting: November 16 - 19, 2022
 - In-person meeting (Vancouver), info and registration [here](#)
- American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting: April 14-19, 2023
 - Live event (Orlando, Florida), Abstract Submission Deadline: November 17, 2022 (info [here](#))
- See more [events](#) on the SIOP website!

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