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MESSAGE FROM THE SIOP PRESIDENT

Dear SIOP Members and Partners,

The year 2022 will be remembered by many of us as the year we met each other in person again. For the past 2 years, online meetings were our only way of communicating with our global community, but thanks to the effective COVID-19 vaccinations, more than 2,400 of us were able to come together in Barcelona for the SIOP2022 Congress. We have learned from the pandemic period that virtual communication is also an effective way of staying connected and enabling those who cannot travel to the Congress to participate in the sessions. This year, we had an additional 800+ colleagues joining the Congress online. We believe this “hybrid format” is here to stay so we will work to perfect it over time.

Beyond the joy of meeting in person again, 2022 was another great year for SIOP. Our Society is continuously growing in membership, quantity and quality of programmes, educational opportunities for healthcare professionals and support for patients and families around the world. The achievements and new initiatives described in this Annual Report are a credit to the work and dedication of the whole SIOP community and it is an honour for the Board of Directors to support the outstanding work being done through our Committees, Networks and Working Groups.

In 2022, we focused on updating our governance procedures to improve the efficiency and professionalism of our organisational structure. Thanks to our members’ support and strategic budget management, we were able to provide financial assistance to our Continental Branches and some of our Networks. The Program for Advancing Research Capacity in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (PARC) raised funds to support cooperative groups in three continents to do local research and gather evidence to guide regional practices.
Our Advocacy work continued to increase in partnership with Childhood Cancer International (CCI), St. Jude Global, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), World Health Organisation (WHO) and many others. We continued our role as a non-state actor for the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) and developed a collaboration agreement with St. Jude Global for the ARIA Program so adapted management guidelines with the best scientific evidence will become available globally. We received generous programmatic support from Foundation S and Amazon Global as well as other partners for the SIOP2022 Congress.

The SIOP Europe, in association with St. Jude Global and many European hospitals, governments and institutions, led an outstanding support campaign to provide care for children with cancer in Ukraine whose treatment was put in danger because the Russian invasion to their country. Among many innocent victims, the invasion took the life of a young Ukrainian paediatric haematology-oncologist while she was on her way to work in her own hometown. This tragic loss was mourned throughout every corner of our community.

After the Congress in Barcelona several eminent supporters of SIOP, including Jaume Mora (Local Organising Committee Chair), Liliana Vasquez (Continental President-South America), Lilian Sung (Scientific Committee Chair), Gemma Bryan (Young SIOP Network Chair), and Kathy Pritchard-Jones (Past-President), stepped down from the Board of Directors. Their hard work and dedication were essential to the great achievements described in this report. SIOP is extremely thankful for their many years of service and leadership.

We also welcomed several new Board members: Rejin Kebudi (Secretary General-Elect), Donna Johnston (Local Organizing Committee Chair), Asim Belgaumi (Scientific Committee Chair), Andrea Cappellano (Continental President-South America), and Korede Akindele (Young SIOP Network Chair). I would like to extend my appreciation to all members of the SIOP Board, Networks and Committees as well as to all SIOP members for their continued support for our Society.

We aim to offer even more opportunities to get involved across our Society in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Guillermo Luis Chantada
SIOP President
MESSAGE FROM THE SIOP SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear SIOP Members,

The year 2022 was an exciting year for SIOP as we emerged from the acute phase of a global COVID-19 pandemic and were able to meet in person more often than in the last two years. Although our dependence on video calls remains due to travel restrictions and rising costs, we have been able to maintain our connections across the globe and work to advance the care of children and adolescents with cancer.

As Secretary General, my role is to lead the administration of SIOP, including overseeing Committees and Networks. It has been a pleasure this year to see the restructuring of these groups and their leadership, which has strengthened SIOP’s reach and inclusion in so many important activities related to childhood cancer. As SIOP has grown in membership and influence through our collaboration with the World Health Organization Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) and other key stakeholders and partners in childhood cancer, our 2021-2025 Strategic Plan has provided a clear path for improving the lives of children and adolescents with cancer and survivors through global collaboration, education, training, research, and advocacy.

I thank all SIOP members for their enthusiasm and dedication to the patients, families, and survivors we serve. I look forward to another year of cross collaboration both within SIOP Committees and Networks and beyond with SIOP partners, new and old, hand in hand.

Sincerely,

Julia Challinor
SIOP Secretary-General
MESSAGE FROM THE SIOP PATRON

Dear SIOP Members,

The Year 2022 went by so fast with many opportunities for engagement, learning and sharing among SIOP members.

Under the stewardship of the leaders of the SIOP Committees, Networks and Working Groups, SIOP organized and held numerous educational webinars on various topic, which were both well attended and well received. SIOP responded to the needs of its members by establishing new programmes and growing existing initiatives, including the flagship events of the SIOP Women Leaders in Paediatric Oncology Network and the SIOP PARC Programme to advance childhood cancer research capacity in low-resourced settings.

Our flagship event, the 2022 SIOP Annual Congress, was held as an in-person event with a hybrid component and saw record attendance numbers. In the hallways of the Congress venue, I was able to witness many SIOP members embrace each other, relishing human contact, interaction and just being together at the same time in the same place. We all missed those precious experiences during the pandemic.

As we look ahead to 2023, we hope to continue to innovate and offer programme activities for our SIOP members so that collectively we can continue to grow the field of paediatric oncology. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this amazing SIOP community.

Sincerely,

Princess Dina Mired,
SIOP Patron
The **SIOP Annual Congress** promotes education in all aspects of Paediatric and Adolescent Oncology to all oncology professionals, parents, and survivors of cancer. It represents a unique opportunity to stay up to date in this rapidly moving field and to bring the latest science to the bedside.

Held in Barcelona, Spain, the 2022 Annual Congress was our first in-person gathering since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Congress had record attendance (3,406 people from 133 countries) and included some hybrid components. More than 120 sessions were offered.

The top 5 countries with highest representation at the Congress were USA, UK, Spain, the Netherlands and India.

For details on the 2022 Scientific Programme, please see the section on the Scientific Committee in this report.

To see recordings of previous Annual Congresses and other online learning materials, please visit the [SIOP Knowledge Centre](open to SIOP members only).

### 3406 ATTENDEES FROM 133 COUNTRIES
4 UNFORGETTABLE DAYS OF LEARNING AND NETWORKING

MEMBER ACTION OPPORTUNITY:
SIOP asks members to share information about SIOP and the Annual Congress with fellow colleagues.
If you need any materials to help reach out to possible delegates, please contact info@siop-online.org. Some delegates, particularly those from LIC/LMIC/UMIC, may qualify for a limited number of SIOP scholarships and "donated" Congress registrations. Thank you in advance for promoting the SIOP Congress!

Congress Highlights Sessions in Spanish/Portuguese
Staying true to SIOP Strategy’s commitments to diversify multi-lingual access, SIOP offered 2 Congress Debriefing Sessions in Spanish and Portuguese, hosted by SIOP Members, Claudia Sampor and Alejandra Casanovas. These Highlights sessions were well attended and well received. Two Nursing Highlights Sessions in Spanish, organised by the SIOP Nursing Network, are planned for February 2023.
The **SIOP 2023 Annual Congress** will take place in Ottawa, Canada, from October 11-14, 2023. The Annual Congress is the place to meet new colleagues from around the world who are committed to advancing the field of paediatric oncology and to share experiences and learning.

The Congress is scheduled as an in-person event with Hybrid components of the Congress similar to the 2022 Annual Congress.

The Annual Congress will be held in strict adherence to the COVID-19 epidemiological rules of the Canadian authorities and the meeting venue. The Congress will be conducted in English only.

**Save the Date!**
- Abstract Submission: March 22, 2023
- Early Bird Registration: July 18, 2023

Following the Congress, the webcasts will be available on the [SIOP Knowledge Centre](https://www.siop-congress.org), accessible only to SIOP members.
The SIOP Asia 2023 Annual Congress will take place in Yerevan, Armenia, on May 19-21, 2023. The Yerevan State Medical University, the Pediatric Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Armenia, Hematology Center after Prof R. Yeolyan are the host organisers of the Congress.

The Congress aims to bring the world’s Paediatric Oncology community together to share the latest research results, ideas, and developments in all areas of Paediatric Oncology and Haematology. We look forward to meeting leading academic scientists, researchers, and scholars in the domain of interest from around the world in this beautiful and sunny country.

The aim of Congress is to contribute to a world where no child should die of cancer! The Congress will be conducted in English only.

The Congress will be held under the slogan “Through hardships to the stars! - Per Aspera Ad Astra”.

Preliminary Programme

[www.siopasia2023.am/Preliminary](http://www.siopasia2023.am/Preliminary)

Save the Dates!

- Abstract Submission Ends: March 26, 2023
- Abstract Notification: April 1, 2023
The 4th edition of the SIOP Europe Annual Meeting will take place on 8-12 May, 2023, in Valencia, Spain.

The SIOP Europe Annual Meeting together with the CCI Europe Conference aims to foster a multidisciplinary platform for scientific exchange on all aspects of paediatric haemato-oncology. The event unites key stakeholders in a unique interactive format to discuss the current priorities and needs in the field of childhood cancers.

Visit the [SIOP Europe Annual Meeting website](https://www.siopeurope.eu) to access the preliminary programme and discover some of the SIOPE Groups, the European Clinical Trial Groups and other Partners that will organize sessions during the SIOP Europe 2023 Annual Meeting. The Congress will be conducted in English only.

Programme Overview:

- **Monday / Tuesday** – Open, Joint & Operational Working Group Meetings & Educational Sessions – Liquid Tumour Groups
- **Wednesday** – Plenary Sessions & Joint Sessions
- **Thursday / Friday** – Open, Joint & Operational Working Group Meetings & Educational Sessions – Solid Tumour Groups

**Don’t miss the early-rate registration deadline: 27 February 2023**

Reduced registration fees are guaranteed for members of SIOP Europe and CCI Europe, young oncologists, nurses and psychosocial experts. Read the [registration guidelines](https://www.siopeurope.eu) & register soon to book your place at the SIOP Europe Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact us at: [annualmeeting@siope.eu](mailto:annualmeeting@siope.eu)
The 34th Latin American Pediatric Oncology Society (SLAOP) Annual Congress and 18th Brazilian Pediatric Oncology Society (SOBOPE) Congress will take place in Florianópolis, Brazil, between May 3-6, 2023. The preliminary programme is available for your review.

The joint Congress unites the two societies and brings together leading experts from the most diverse areas of paediatric oncology with a common objective of promoting learning and share experiences in order to improve the chances of cure for children and adolescents with cancer. The Congress will be conducted in Spanish only.

Save the Dates!
- Abstract Submission Ends: March 12, 2023
- Abstract Notification: April 1, 2023

For more information, please contact slaop@slaop.org
MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

In 2022, SIOP reached the highest number of active members of all time! We had 3,024 members, which is a 22% increase from 2021. This number includes 993 new members who joined the Society and 400 members from LIC and LMIC countries who were granted a free SIOP membership as scholarship winners or as a donation made by other SIOP members from HIC countries. The SIOP 2022 scholarships and donations received helped grow the membership in less resourced countries, spreading knowledge and awareness of the Society’s mission and vision.

64% of the active members in 2021 renewed their membership in 2022, including 386 members who signed up for 2-year membership in 2021. Brazil and Pakistan replaced Germany and Japan among the top 10 represented countries. In recent years, Europe has remained the strongest region in terms of active members (membership from Europe increased with 52% compared to 2021). A significant increase is also noted in Latin America (53% increase of membership compared to 2021).

SIOP continues to have a very vibrant membership and the Society has undertaken many efforts to promote member retention and growth. The existing Committees and Networks have expanded and a new Network was created—the Women Leaders in Pediatric Oncology Network. SIOP has also revised the requirements for the membership categories to make them even more accessible to those from...
LIC and LMIC countries. As a result, membership in the Young SIOP category has increased with 134% compared to 2021, making Young SIOP the second most popular category among the active members in 2022. At the beginning of 2022 SIOP launched a successful membership drive, offering 20% off on all membership fees in the first two months of the year. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact membership@siop-online.org.

Joining SIOP Programmes and Activities

SIOP offers many opportunities to engage with fellow members and contribute to the development of the paediatric oncology field.

We invite you to join one of our Networks today! To sign up, please update your SIOP Profile and indicate which Networks you’d like to join. Step-by-step guidance on how to update your profile is available here. Currently, we have the following active Networks, which are welcoming new members:

1. Nursing Network
2. Nutrition Network
3. Global Health Network
4. Paediatric Psycho Oncology (PPO) Network
5. Supportive Care Network
6. Women Leaders in Paediatric Oncology Network
7. Young SIOP Network

Once your SIOP profile is up to date, you will start receiving periodic messages from the Networks that you have chosen to join. SIOP members automatically join their respective SIOP Continental Branch, based on their home address.

Click here for detailed instructions on how to join the SIOP Networks and Working Groups.
SIOP continues to be at the forefront of education and research in paediatric oncology.

SIOP has over 3,000 members worldwide and its Annual Congress is typically attended by 3,000+ healthcare professionals from 110+ countries.

JOIN SIOP today and enjoy exclusive benefits:

- **Reduced registration fees** for the [SIOP Annual Congress](https://siop-online.org/membership/)
- **Free subscription** to the [European Journal of Oncology Nursing](https://siop-online.org/membership/) or [Pediatric Blood and Cancer]
- Free access to regular e-newsletters, online forums, events and learning opportunities
- Free access to our [Knowledge Centre](https://siop-online.org/membership/) with CME-accredited learning modules and scientific sessions from past Congresses
- **Eligibility** for SIOP scholarships and awards
- Free access to all SIOP programs and activities
- Free access to networking and professional development opportunities
- Opportunities to learn from and exchange knowledge with other pediatric oncology professionals
- **Eligibility** to run for office and to vote for SIOP Leadership Positions

Join our **SIOP Community** now and **help raise awareness** for children and adolescents with cancer.
### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND FEES FOR 2023

The SIOP Members and the SIOP Board of Directors have approved new membership rates for 2023:

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You can pay for 3 or more years of membership by contacting our Membership Coordinator at membership@siop-online.org.
You can gift the cost of a SIOP membership to a member from a LIC or LMIC. This enables educational training and international networking in low-resource settings. It will help us immeasurably to achieve our mission to advance the study and care of children with cancer.

You can name the recipient from a LIC/LMIC you would like to receive it, or the SIOP Secretariat can allocate it for you. Every donation helps!

https://siop.multiregistration.com/donate/step1

Donate
In 2023, SIOP will run elections for the **Global Health Network Co-Chair**, a Board-level position. Only SIOP members who have paid their dues for the year 2023 have voting rights in this election. The chosen candidate will co-lead the GHN. He/she assumes their “elected” role immediately to serve for approximately 6 months before beginning their full-term in October 2023. The position-holder is invited to attend SIOP Board of Directors meetings as an observer during their “elected” period but is not eligible to vote until their full-term begins.

Nominations for the **SIOP Advocacy Committee Chair** closed on January 12, 2023. This Board-level position is by appointment of the SIOP President in consultation with the SIOP Board of Directors.

Nominations for the **SIOP President-Elect** position will open in late 2023. The position-holder leads the Society, chairs the SIOP Board of Directors and sets out the strategy and priorities of the Society. The President-Elect assumes their “elected” role immediately and serves as an observer for 1 year before beginning their full-term as SIOP President in October 2025.

Elections for **non-Board level positions in 2023** will include:
- Co-Chair of the SIOP Supportive Care Network
- Steering Group members of the SIOP Supportive Care Network
- Steering Group members of the SIOP Paediatric Psycho-Oncology (PPO) Network

Please check the [SIOP News Page](#) for more information on nomination processes and updates.
FINANCIAL REPORT
Stephen Hunger (USA), SIOP Treasurer

SIOP’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 ran from August 1, 2021, to July 31, 2022. The total FY income generated by the Society is 1,392,508 EUR, 38% of which (368,512 EUR) came from fundraising efforts and 27% of which (374,597 EUR) from a financially profitable 2021 Congress and the late transfer of the Dublin Congress profits.

The total FY expenses of the Society were 343,796 EUR; 28% of which were for educational activities, 34% were associated with SIOP Board and Council meetings, and 86% were administrative, programme development and operational expenses associated with the smooth operations of the Society. Significant foreign exchange gains were also realised in 2022 (241,185 EUR). The overall gain for FY2021/2022 is therefore 1,048,712 EUR.

In September 2022, an external accounting firm conducted an independent examination of the Society’s accounts in accordance with the Swiss Auditing Standard 910 Review. The independent Audit Report and Financial Statements are available online here.
### Income Breakdown FY2021/2022

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The SIOP Knowledge Centre is designed for professionals committed to continuing their education and improving patient outcomes. It is free and exclusive to SIOP members. The Knowledge Centre hosts three types of educational content:

- SIOP Annual Congresses with all webcasts since 2015
- CME-accredited and non-CME courses on leading topics
- Ad-hoc educational webinars

New Global Initiatives to Improve Access and Quality of Essential Medicines for Childhood Cancer

- This interactive session with childhood cancer healthcare professionals and NGOs, the WHO and parents and survivors, explored access to essential medicines needed for the treatment of cancer in children and young people. It was hosted as part of the 2022 London Global Cancer Week on November 15, 2022.

Survivor Week 2022 - Childhood Cancer Survivorship Late Effects and Mental Health

- Enjoy the recording of our joint Childhood Cancer International (CCI) and International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) 2-hour webinar titled “Childhood Cancer Survivorship Late Effects and Mental Health: Challenges and Solutions”, in collaboration with St Jude Children’s Research Hospital, originally streamed on June 25, 2022.

MEMBER ACTION OPPORTUNITY:

If you would like to propose a new course topic, please contact the SIOP Secretariat at info@siop-online.org. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.
Throughout 2022, SIOP made progress towards achieving the goals the Society outlined in the SIOP Strategy 2021-2025. The Society’s leadership and members worked hard towards achieving our vision that no child should die of cancer – Cure for more, Care for all.

SIOP’s work is organised around five Strategic Goals:

- **Goal 1**: Advocating Globally for Children and Adolescents with Cancer
- **Goal 2**: Promoting Research to Improve Outcomes for Patients
- **Goal 3**: Providing Education and Training
- **Goal 4**: Increasing Membership and Engagement
- **Goal 5**: Strengthen and Expand Strategic Partnerships

To learn more about the Strategy, please see a 2022 publication in Pediatric Blood and Cancer from the SIOP Board of Directors.

The table below notes the leading Committees, Networks, and other structures developing and implementing programmes and activities to achieve the strategic goals. This Annual Report captures details for the work and accomplishments of each Committee and Network.
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| Goal 1: Advocacy        | • Advocacy Committee  
                          • Continental Societies-Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, Latin America, Oceania                                            | Congress Development  
                          • Congress Development Committee  
                          • Scientific Committee                                                                 |
| Goal 2: Research        | • Scientific Committee  
                          • PARC Committee                                                                                                                  | Brand & Communications  
                          • SIOP Secretariat                                                                                                                  |
| Goal 3: Education & Training | • Education & Training Committee  
                          • Global Health Network  
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                          • Governance Committee  
                          • Finance Committee  
                          • Board of Directors  
                          • Senior Management Team                                                                                                          |
| Goal 4: Membership & Engagement | • Membership Committee  
                          • Women Leaders in Paediatric Oncology Network  
                          • Publications & Endorsement Committee                                                                                             | SIOP Members  
                          • Membership Committee                                                                                                              |
| Goal 5: Partnerships    | • Board of Directors  
                          • Governance Committee                                                                                                               |                                                                                  |

With the increasing amount of work arising from our ambitious Strategy 2021-2025, the SIOP Board of Directors has decided to expand the SIOP Secretariat. The SIOP Secretariat now consists of Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director for Programme and Strategy, Marketing and Communications Manager and an Administrative Coordinator.
VISION
No child should die of cancer: cure for more, care for all

MISSION
Improve the lives of children and adolescents with cancer through global collaboration, education, training, research and advocacy.

Goal 1
Advocating Globally for Children and Adolescents with Cancer

Goal 2
Promoting Research to Improve Outcomes for Patients

Goal 3
Education and Training

Goal 4
Increasing Membership and Engagement

Goal 5
Strengthen and Expand Strategic Partnerships
CONTINENTAL SOCIETIES

The Society has six Continental Branches:

- Europe
- Latin America
- North America
- Asia
- Oceania
- Africa

The purpose of the Continental Branches, each led by an elected President, is to provide a regional perspective of priorities for childhood and adolescent cancers and to contribute to addressing challenges specific to the respective continents. They also conduct activities and engage their respective Continental Branch members to support the mission and goals of SIOP, including advocacy, advancing scientific knowledge and research, education, training, and clinical practice. The Continental Presidents, who are standing members of the SIOP Board of Directors, also act as liaison with SIOP’s strategic partners in their region. To achieve the goals and objectives of the Continental Branch and its membership, two Continental Branches are established, free-standing legal entities (SIOPE for Europe and SLAOP for Latin America).

SIOP members from Africa, Asia, North America and Oceania are automatically considered a member of their respective Continental Branch. The exception is for members from Europe and Latin America who do not get automatic membership to SIOPE and SLAOP because they are separate organisations with their own membership structure and fees.
AFRICA CONTINENTAL SOCIETY

President: Joyce Kambugu (Uganda)
Contact for Inquiries: africa@siop-online.org; programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/sp_cb/africa/

SIOP Africa Congress (March 2022)
The 14th SIOP Africa Congress in Kampala, Uganda, was delivered in hybrid mode. It was organised by the Uganda Cancer Institute, supported by the Ugandan Cancer Society, the Palliative Care Association of Uganda, the Uganda Child Cancer Foundation and the Uganda Paediatric Association, with support from colleagues from South Africa, Egypt and the USA. The Congress highlighted the need for greater collaborative efforts to consolidate resources for improved childhood cancer outcomes and increased involvement of governments to support efforts to achieve the WHO 2030 GICC goals.

SIOP Africa Board Restructuring
The SIOP Africa Board of Directors was recently restructured to move away from pure geographic representation and towards a more efficient structure, focused on achieving the GICC goals. Specific portfolios and roles have been defined and include President, Secretary-General, Treasurer and Membership Coordinator, Advocacy Chair, Childhood Cancer International Representative, Education and Training, Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer, Nursing, Research, Multidisciplinary Team, and SIOP Africa 2024 Local Organising Committee Chair.

Upcoming SIOP Africa Congress (March 2024)
The 15th biennial SIOP Africa conference will be held in early 2024 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Efforts are being made to source funding for scholarships to make this event as inclusive as possible. The contact person is Gita Naidu, LOC Chair, and Jennifer Geel is the Chair of the Scientific Committee.

Establishment of SIOP Africa Secretariat
In a bid to improve the efficiency of the SIOP Africa Board activities, the SIOP Board approved the appointment of Hellen Akello, Programme Director, to schedule meetings, plan events, coordinate budgets and programmes and assist the Africa Board and subcommittees.

SIOP Africa Strategic Plan 2023-2028
The Board appointed a consultant to guide the development of a 5-year strategic plan for SIOP Africa that aligns with the overarching SIOP Strategy 2021-2025 and GICC strategic goals.
SIOP Asia Congress

The 14th SIOP Asia Annual Congress was held on July 29-31, 2022, hosted by Yizhou Zhang and her team from Guangzhou, China. The Congress was held online due to the infection control policy against COVID-19 by the local government. The scientific programme covered topics from advanced clinical trials to psychosocial care for children with cancer and capacity building for health professionals in the Asian region. Tracks for the nursing group, IPSO and CCI-ASIA were also organised. A total of 105 abstracts were submitted and 514 participants attended the meeting.

SIOP Asia’s Annual General Meeting

The SIOP Asia’s Annual General Meeting was held online on November 16, 2022. In the meeting, the members reviewed the previous year’s activities and begun planning the next SIOP ASIA Congress, the Global Mapping of Childhood Cancer Care Resources in Asian countries, and the collaboration with our partners.

Collaboration with Asian Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Group (APHOG)

APHOG was established in 2021 as an international group promoting basic and clinical trials in paediatric oncology across Asia by the core members of SIOP Asia. APHOG is financially supported by NGO-MOCC and Amazon-Japan. In 2022, SIOP Asia and APHOG organised a joint symposium on Wilms Tumour on November 16, 2022, and a seminar on Osteosarcoma on December 3, 2022. SIOP Asia is also collaborating with WHO GICC for various events including the ICCD and other advocacy activities. As the first step of international collaborations, we conducted a survey on clinical trials in Asian countries. The survey revealed that national societies for paediatric haematology and oncology exist in 22 out of 42 countries on the Asia continent, and clinical trials are conducted in 11 countries. The products from the collaborative activities by SIOP Asia and APHOG will be published soon.

MEMBER ACTION OPPORTUNITY:

Please follow SIOP Asia on Twitter to learn about the latest updates and engagement opportunities: @AsiaSiop
SIOP Europe Annual Meeting

The 3rd **SIOP Europe Annual Meeting** took place on 23-25 March, 2022, in Valencia, Spain. More than 1,100 participants from 56 different countries joined this 3-day event. The scientific programme consisted of 85 scientific sessions. Three new **SIOPE Groups** were established during this virtual meeting to address specific areas of care and research for the benefit of children and adolescents with cancer in Europe: **SIOPE Paediatric Palliative Care Working Group**, **SIOPE Nursing Working Group** and **SIOPE Psychosocial Working Group**.

Education

The first module of the SIOPE Course, as well as two successful virtual courses, were organised in 2022. The SIOP Europe Educational Committee plans further educational initiatives in 2023.

SAFER Ukraine

The **SAFER Ukraine** is a humanitarian effort launched following the Russian invasion in Ukraine to provide a safe passage for paediatric cancer patients out of Ukraine. SIOP Europe was immensely proud to be a partner and support this initiative. These efforts facilitated the safe evacuation of 900+ patients and their families to reestablish medical care abroad.
Policy

Childhood cancer remains high on the European Union agenda. The European Parliament building in Brussels was lit up in gold on 6 September, 2022, thanks to support from the European Parliament President, Roberta Metsola. 56 Members of European Parliament from 22 countries joined to lend their support that day. Two successful policy-related webinars were organised by SIOP Europe in 2022 to strengthen the voice of the paediatric oncology community in Europe.

Market Access to New Anticancer Medicines for Children and Adolescents with Cancer in Europe

The manuscript on market access to new anticancer medicines for children and adolescents was published by SIOP Europe in the European Journal of Cancer on 27 February, 2022. This was the first time that data on the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) evaluation of paediatric anticancer medicines has been released.

The article addresses the HTA of 3 anticancer medicines with the aim to foster dialogue with HTA bodies regarding the current evaluation approaches to new agents in paediatric oncology.

**EJC Paediatric Oncology**

SIOP Europe is incredibly pleased to partner with the European Journal of Cancer and to announce the launch of the EJC Paediatric Oncology, a new international, peer reviewed, online-only Gold Open Access journal and the new official journal of SIOP Europe. Paper submission is already open.
SLAOP LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY

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Website: https://siop-online.org/sp_cb/latin-america/; https://slaop.org/

SLAOP’s Annual Congress

A new triennium begins with the election of great colleagues who will be part of the new SLAOP Board of Directors and Scientific Committee for 2022-2025. The new Board took over in an exquisite way at a SLAOP Annual Congress held on September 27, 2022, in Barcelona, at the Paediatric Cancer Centre Barcelona at Hospital Sant Joan de Déu, where we had more than 220 attendees and 56 speakers in the medical, nursing, and psychosocial tracks, ending with a phenomenal gala dinner. Also, at 2022 SIOP Annual Congress, we had a record of Latin American attendance, thanks to the great contribution of SIOP and other supporters. SLAOP has grown considerably in terms of membership with representation of almost all Latin American countries in our Society.

Strategic Planning

The bylaws were updated with our Strategic plan 2021-2025, to align with those of SIOP. The SLAOP continues to map the main national difficulties together with the delegates of each country that integrates the Society and work on their improvements through the SIOP Global Mapping Program. We will maintain full attention to the continuing education of the entire multidisciplinary team, with educational partnerships and webinars, educational sessions at the TELEO Program in addition to the Congresses, the next one being held in collaboration with the Brazilian Society of Pediatric Oncology (SOBOPE) and GALOP in Florianopolis (May 2023).

Read the latest SLAOP newsletter in Spanish here.
Ratification of the First SIOP North America Bylaws

In May 2022, SIOP NA members voted to ratify the first bylaws governing our continental branch. The bylaws define the mission, membership, leadership structure, elections, and standing committees. SIOP NA took steps towards creating a more organized structure and enhanced membership growth and engagement in 2022.

Election of SIOP-North America Executive Committee Members

Sandra Luna-Fineman was elected to the position of SIOP NA Treasurer and Adam Esbenshade was elected to position of SIOP NA Secretary. Together with Jeffrey Dome (SIOP NA President) and Lindsay Frazier (SIOP-NA Immediate Past-President), they will form the SIOP-NA Executive Committee.

Selection of SIOP-North America Board of Directors and Standing Committee Leaders

The Executive Committee selected the following individuals to lead the SIOP NA Standing Committees:

- **Advocacy**: Monica Gramatges, Chair; Wendy Allen-Rhoades, Vice Chair; Julia Challinor, Senior Advisor
- **Education**: Scott Moerdler, Chair; Pinki Prasad, Vice Chair; Michelle Hermiston, Senior Advisor
- **Global Health**: Cesar Nunez, Chair; Jeremy Slone, Vice Chair
- **Membership**: Rod Rassekh, Chair; Lisa Morrisey, Vice Chair
- **Nursing**: Lauri Linder, Chair; Linda Abramovitz, Vice Chair
- **Scientific**: Raya Saab, Chair; Matthew Kutney, Vice Chair; Ira Dunkel, Senior Advisor
- **Young SIOP NA**: Louise Guolla, Chair; Adriana Fonseca-Sheridan, Vice Chair; Justin Baker, Senior Advisor

Together with the Executive Committee, the Chairs of the Standing Committees will constitute the SIOP NA Board of Directors.

If you wish to be more actively engaged with the work of the SIOP NA Committees, please contact the relevant Chairs.
The SIOP Oceania Advisory Board met regularly throughout 2023 to share ideas for improving outcomes for children with cancer across Oceania and to coordinate important projects in our region. SIOP Oceania also continued to broaden critical global collaborations, particularly with WHO and St. Jude Global.

“The year 2022 was a year of connection and growth for SIOP Oceania. Our in-person workshop was a true highlight after several years of virtual meetings only. Our goals for 2023 are big, but I have no doubt they can be achieved by harnessing the expertise and efforts of the incredible members of SIOP Oceania who offer expertise across every discipline.” Claire Wakefield (Australia)

SIOP Oceania Workshop and Symposium

We were delighted to host a highly successful SIOP Oceania Workshop in July 2022, with a full house of attendees, including 12 international delegates. The programme included speakers from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Fiji, New Caledonia, Timor Leste, Hawaii, Tonga and Australia. We thank the Australian and New Zealand Children’s Haematology/Oncology Group (ANZCHOG) and World Child Cancer Charitable Trust New Zealand for generously supporting this workshop. We also presented a symposium in the main ANZCHOG conference, providing a showcase of child cancer care strengths and challenges across Oceania.

Supporting childhood cancer care in Oceania

We have continued work with colleagues in PNG and Timor Leste to support them in strengthening childhood cancer care in their nations. This work has a particular focus on the launch of a childhood cancer registry in both countries, as well as focusing on professional education. We delivered monthly training seminars in PNG, led by Gwenda Anga and Trisha Soosay Raj. We also continued to work on the development of the first parent support group in PNG.

SIOP Oceania was delighted to co-produce 2 SIOP blog posts, led by Janelle Jones. The blog posts outlined childhood cancer care delivery and challenges in New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea. Both yielded wonderful new connections in our region!
The year 2022 was another fruitful year for SIOP’s advocacy, pursuing well-defined objectives in this area. Efforts were facilitated by the SIOP Advocacy Committee advising the SIOP Board of Directors.

Objective 1: Development and Sharing of Advocacy and Technical Expertise to Improve Childhood Cancer Services

As a Non-State Actor (NSA) in Officials Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO), SIOP has been delivering on the collaborative work plan for 2021-2023. Furthering the WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer (GICC) was a key objective. SIOP promoted dialogue between its Continental Branches and the corresponding WHO Regional Offices and called on national members to foster local buy-in and participation in the GICC. From a service delivery perspective, complementarities and governance links were established between the Adapted Resource and Implementation Application Guidelines (ARIA), involving St. Jude Global, SIOP, PROS, IPSO and CCI, and the WHO GICC Technical Briefs.

Objective 2. Promotion of Favourable Policies and Arguments for Resource Allocation to Childhood Cancer

At the 75th World Health Assembly (May 2022), SIOP put forward recommendations on two agenda items. Endorsed by eight like-minded organisations, the SIOP-led WHA statement on Human Resources for Health called for governments to support quality specialised training towards a local, stable and educated workforce qualified to deliver age-appropriate care. SIOP’s WHA statement on Emergency Preparedness and Response emphasized the need for childhood cancer service continuity and integration into crisis mitigation strategies.

At the World Cancer Congress (October 2022), SIOP together with the Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the UN and the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) with the support of the WHO co-hosted a side-event: “Closing the gaps in childhood cancer through cancer registry collaboration”. The meeting attracted several Ambassadors as well as other government representatives and prominent experts, and gathered support for initiatives on data and registration in childhood cancer.
Objective 3. Fostering International Commitments to Childhood Cancers and SIOP’s Visibility

Participation in WHA 2022 was also an important avenue to speak to the international community and profile childhood cancer. Cooperation with CCI on global campaigns continued. This produced engagement at all levels throughout the year: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, International Childhood Cancer Day, and International Childhood Cancer Survivors’ Week. World Cancer Day 2022 was marked by a special SIOP webinar on integrating adult and childhood cancer care. SIOP fostered an unprecedented showing of childhood cancer at the WCC 2022 with multiple sessions in the main programme, and co-hosted a webinar with WCC at the London Global Cancer Week profiling new global initiatives to improve access and quality of essential medicines for childhood cancer.

Congress Development Committee

Chair: Stephen Hunger (USA)
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Website: https://siop-online.org/congress-development-committee/

The Annual SIOP Congress has played a central role in the Society’s work. It serves as a venue for global networking, sharing knowledge and learning about the latest developments in paediatric oncology. The Congress is also a critical revenue stream for SIOP. In 2022, the SIOP Congress Development Committee supported the organisation of the 2022 Annual Congress in Barcelona, which was delivered as a hybrid event, for the first time in the history of the Society.

In 2022, the Committee met periodically to discuss the overall vision of the Annual Congress. The Committee developed a post-Congress survey, and carefully reviewed the feedback received. The survey indicated that 94% (n=560) had an overall Congress impression that was either better than expected or as good as expected. 99% reported that they were either very satisfied or satisfied with the overall Congress. Furthermore, building on the 2021 pilot, the Committee called for volunteers to organize and host post-Congress Highlights sessions: 2 sessions in Spanish were organised in December 2022 and two more (with a nursing focus) are scheduled for January 2023.
Education and Training Committee

Chair: Muhammad Saghir Khan (Pakistan)
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Webpage: https://siop-online.org/education-training-committee/

The SIOP Education and Training Committee focuses on SIOP’s Strategy Goal 3 “Providing Education and Training.” It creates and disseminates the opportunities for continued education and training for the entire SIOP community.

Under a newly initiated SIOP Childhood Cancer Early Diagnosis and Appropriate Referral (SIOP CEDAR) project, developed in consortium with the International Pediatric Association (IPA), a series of webinars was organised in 2022 to guide paediatricians, paediatric nurses, paediatric surgeons, family physicians and paediatric oncology trainees about early diagnosis and initial management childhood cancer patients before referral to paediatric oncology centres.

Four CME-accredited educational webinars were offered in 2022, with lectures and panel discussions by renowned paediatric oncology experts. Recordings, with Spanish subtitles, are available on the SIOP YouTube channel:

- Outcomes of Childhood Cancers: Gaps and Disparities
- Diagnosis and Referral of Acute Leukaemia
- Diagnosis and Referral of Retinoblastoma
- Diagnosis and Referral of Low-Grade Glioma (Brain Tumours)
- Diagnosis and Referral of Hodgkin Lymphoma
- Diagnosis and Referral of Burkitt’s Lymphoma
- Diagnosis and Referral of Wilms Tumor

Finance Committee

Chair: Stephen Hunger (USA)
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Website: https://siop-online.org/finance-committee/

The year 2022 began with 472,000 USD in the SIOP Reserves Fund. The purpose of the Reserves Fund is to allow the SIOP to operate for 18 months, should the Society encounter dire financial circumstances. In August 2022, the SIOP Board of Directors, at the suggestion of the Finance Committee, augmented the Reserves Fund and it currently totals 574,695 USD.
Governance Committee

Chair: Julia Challinor (USA)
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Website: https://siop-online.org/governance/

The SIOP Governance Committee has continued to put procedures and policies in place to guide our work and to be transparent and fair for all SIOP members.

Almost all Committees and Networks have either revised or developed Terms of Reference to guide their work. These critical documents serve to inform the SIOP members about their goals and activities as well as the leadership structures of these groups. In this way, members can take advantage of opportunities to engage with the Committees and Networks as relevant to their interests. See our newest Network, Women Leaders in Pediatric Oncology Network, which started just before our Annual Congress in Barcelona.

Committee and Network Steering Group term rotations have been standardized and long-serving volunteers in this capacity have been thanked for their extraordinary service and stepped down to allow new members to run for election.

The Governance Committee also created a new Strategic Alliance partnership status for external professional groups with interest in a specific shared aspect of childhood cancer, e.g., iPOG for supportive care.

The Governance Committee initiated a Hallmarks Governance Review process, following the same process the SIOP Board of Directors did two years ago. This will be finalised in 2023 and will inform further governance work. We look forward to a productive 2023 as we continue to oversee the governance of our growing and dynamic Society.

Membership Committee

Chair/Vice-Chair: Andrea Cappellano (Brazil) and Julia Challinor (USA)¹/ Rashmi Dalvi (India) and Lindsay Frazier (USA)²
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Website: https://siop-online.org/membership-committee/

The SIOP Membership Committee's purpose is to increase the number, professional diversity and retention of SIOP members, and to increase the engagement of our members in the work of the Society.

In January 2022, the Committee reviewed a first-time initiative to offer a discount for early renewal of SIOP membership. The results of this initiative were encouraging; however, it did not dramatically

¹ Until October 2022.
² Until October 2022.
increase renewals by members from low- or middle-income countries or allied health professionals.

The Committee also considered strategies for future outreach. The Young SIOP Network proposed a new Young SIOP Prize to recognize a Young SIOP member’s body of work and not a single abstract or publication. The Membership Committee reviewed the criteria, and the proposal was accepted by the Board of Directors and the first prize was given at the SIOP 2023 Annual Congress. This Committee is also considering how to retain SIOP award winners as members and more deliberate follow-up strategies are under consideration.

Closer engagement with the Continental Presidents is also planned to maximize their knowledge of regional professional paediatric oncology societies and to improve the benefits of joining SIOP (and thus increase membership). Widely disseminated opportunities for engagement in SIOP activities, leadership, awards, and events and advocacy beyond the Annual Congress is also planned to increase new membership and retention. The Committee welcomes ideas and suggestions from all SIOP members—we are only as strong as our membership!

PARC Committee

**Chair:** Guillermo Luis Chantada (Spain/Uruguay)

**Contact for Inquiries:** programs@siop-online.org

**Website:** https://siop-online.org/parc-committee/

In 2022, the SIOP PARC Committee met on a monthly basis to advance the goals and design of the PARC Program. The PARC Program directly contributes towards achieving the SIOP Strategic Goal 2 (Promoting Research to Improve Outcomes for Patients).

Through the PARC Programme, SIOP aims to enhance the capacity for research-informed treatment to improve the care and cure of children with cancer. The programme has 3 objectives: 1) enable SIOP members and partners to expand research capacity in order to generate local evidence for cure and care, 2) advocate for increased use of research to provide evidence that optimizes the outcomes for children with cancer, and 3) mobilize resources for clinical research capacity development in LICs and MICs.

With this ambitious goal in mind, the PARC Committee developed and launched its first Call for Proposals in August 2022. The Committee received 7 applications for projects from Africa (2), Asia (4) and Latin America (1). All except for 1 application came from cooperative groups researching childhood cancer.
PARC’s Investments: Round 1

With funding support from Amazon and Sanofi Espoir Foundation, SIOP was able to make 4 grant awards to cooperative groups:

- Cancare Africa
- GALOP
- INPHOG
- POEM

Highlighting the work of the Committee, a paper describing the PARC Program was published in Cancer Control in November 2022.

Publications and Endorsement Committee

Chair: Susanne Wollaert (Switzerland)
Contact for Inquiries: info@siop-online.org
Webpage: https://siop-online.org/publications-surveys/

SIOP is committed to spreading and sharing knowledge in the field of paediatric oncology and is achieving this mission by offering endorsement of publications, surveys, and academic/scientific events. We are often asked to support publications by allowing the use of the SIOP name, participating and disseminating surveys and endorsing or promoting events. The SIOP logo is the embodiment of SIOP’s values and reputation, and as such the SIOP Publications and Endorsement Committee has an easy-to-follow online process to request SIOP endorsement.
We offer three types of endorsement: Publications, Surveys and Events. Depending on the type of endorsement, we look at various criteria which need to be fulfilled, including:

- Is the submission an appropriate article/survey topic/event for SIOP membership to warrant use the SIOP name?
- Are the authors/organisers active SIOP members?
- Is the event supported by the appropriate continental branch of SIOP?
- Is the content of the publication/survey/event consistent with the SIOP vision and mission?
- Where is the funding coming from? No tobacco, alcohol, gambling, or sugar funded events/surveys or publications will be approved.

The Committee meets virtually once every month to review and assess the endorsement requests. In 2022, we have endorsed 11 events and 7 survey requests. You can find the complete guidelines and criteria for each type of endorsement as well as the links to the various online forums on our webpage.

**Scientific Committee**

**Chair:** Asim Belgaumi (Pakistan) and Lilian Sung (Canada)³

**Contact for Inquiries:** info@siop-online.org

**Website:** https://siop-online.org/scientificcommittee/

The **SIOP Scientific Committee** proudly organised our first in-person Congress since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With a record attendance of 3,406 attendees (both onsite and virtual) from over 133 countries, we hosted over 120 sessions and educational events including 10 Symposia, 8 Keynote Lectures and 12 Meet-the-Expert sessions. We would like to thank Dr Jaume Mora and the Local Organising Committee for their efforts and hard work of bringing back the face-to-face Congress with a bang in the wonderful city of Barcelona, Spain.

Among the Symposia, there were 2 debates. One debate focused on Rhabdomyosarcoma-European vs. North American, approach while the second debate focused on Intracranial germ cell tumours.

Other key Symposia covered topics like advancing health technology to improve outcomes from the perspective of clinicians, patients and families; changing approach to early phase clinical trials with advent of precision medicine, design, analysis and intent; carcinomas and managing global infections; addressing mental health across the cancer trajectory; major issues in paediatric cancer survivorship; immunotherapies for solid tumours; and machine learning in paediatric oncology.

The Keynote Lectures included topics such as managing neurological toxicities associated with ALL therapy; vaccine development in neuroblastoma and beyond; stopping TKIs in CML – decision making and weighing risks/benefits; engaging children and adolescents with cancer and their parents in clinical research; proton therapy and implications from a psycho-oncology perspective; the PROS D’Angio Lecture on using the multi-disciplinary approach to improve global paediatric radiotherapy; and IPSO's

³ Until October 2022.
keynote on extreme hepatic resection versus transplantation. Other noteworthy lectures included CCI’s Keynote on the WHO GICC about the extended implementation phase and advancing toward the target. Our Nursing Network put together an inspiring keynote on empowering nursing research collaboration as well as palliative care among many other examples throughout the Congress of joint sessions between the various sub-speciality groups. This really captures the essence of our day-to-day work as our successes are the results of a big team effort. We will continue to offer a multidisciplinary programme with even more joint sessions for future Congresses.

Meet-the-Expert sessions included everything you wanted to know about immunotherapy basic sciences but were afraid to ask; 2021 WHO classification for brain tumours; drug acquisition and supply chain management; role of precision medicine in LMICs; and vascular access challenges and solutions.

In addition to the core Scientific Programme, we had an exciting Educational Day organised by the LOC along with tracks developed by Global Health Network, Nursing Network, Young SIOP Network, International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO), Paediatric Radiation Oncology Society (PROS), PPO Network and CCI.
“I’ve attended lots of oncology conferences in different parts of the world, but this was my first SIOP and it was one of the most career enhancing experiences I’ve had in terms of the learning, collaboration opportunities and more.”
Anonymous, SIOP member, and 2022 Congress Delegate

We also had a great response to our Call for Abstracts: we received 1,773 excellent and high-quality submissions, another record in numbers! Among these, we selected 256 oral abstracts and 993 electronic poster abstracts. In addition, we held parallel track poster discussion sessions where experts summarized 4 to 6 high ranking abstracts and placed the results in context of what is known in a particular area. Poster discussion topics focused on identifying and evaluating targeted therapies, patient-reported outcomes, prognostic observations from clinical trials and national cohorts, novel prognostic factors, novel approaches to supportive care and the best from global health. Posters have been made available both in-person and electronically.

“For CCI-members it is the proximity to great professionals who offer interesting and valuable presentations.”
Anonymous, CCI member and 2022 delegate.
The Scientific Programme Advisory Working Group, formerly known as SPAC, remains an integral part of SIOP and plays a crucial role in reviewing all the submitted Congress abstracts. As part of our annual process, we are renewing the Scientific Programme Advisory WG with a focus on enhancing geographic diversity and inviting young investigators. We also increased the number of WG members to keep the number of abstract reviews reasonable. If you are interested in joining the WG, please watch out for a Call for Members advertised periodically in the SIOP Newsletters.

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SIOP NETWORKS

SIOP’s programmatic work is structured around 7 Networks, which offer member engagement and collaboration opportunities. Groups are open to all SIOP members who wish to join the activities and contribute with their time and effort. See page 18 for information on how to update your SIOP member profile and join one of the Networks or Working Groups below.
Nursing Network

Chair: Courtney Sullivan (USA)
Steering Group: Marilyn Hockenberry (USA), Elianeth A. Kiteni (Tanzania), Yan Yin Lim (Singapore), Lorena Segovia Weber (Chile/USA), Mohammad Alqudimat (Jordan/Canada), Natalie Bradford (Australia), and Teri Stewart (Canada)
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/nurses/

Building on a Legacy, Setting New Directions

The year 2022 was a formative year for the SIOP Nursing Network. The SIOP Nursing Network is a global community comprised of all SIOP nurse members and includes other health professionals from 75+ countries. We aspire toward a world where all children and adolescents with cancer have access to and receive specialised nursing care. To achieve this vision, we are committed to the mission of advancing the quality of nursing care of children and adolescents with cancer and their families across the care continuum through global collaboration, education, training, research, and advocacy. To guide our efforts, steering group members in collaboration with network members developed a 2023-2027 SIOP Nursing Network Strategic Plan, which aligns with the SIOP 2021-2025 Strategy, and sets our vision, mission, core values, and strategic goals for the next five years.

2022 Key Nursing Network Achievements

- Feb-Aug: Nursing Network Strategic Planning
- March: Statement of Support for Ukrainian Nurses
- May: Convened SIOP Nursing Legacy Group with past Steering Group members
  - Commissioned SIOP Nursing History Project
- Sept: Established social media presence (WhatsApp; Facebook)
- Sept: Announced SIOP QI Nurse Scholars Program
- Sept: Launched 2023-2027 Nursing Network Strategic Plan (English)
- Sept-Oct: Hosted SIOP Barcelona Nursing Congress Education Day & Programme
  - Congress Ambassadors offered for new attendees
  - Catered round table lunch sponsored by Global HOPE

2023–2027 Strategic Goals

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- Inaugural Nursing Network Collaborative meeting to share about nurses' involvement in networks, committees, and initiatives across the Society
- Awarded the 2022 SIOP Nursing Leadership Award to Pernilla Pergert, PhD, RN
- Awarded 33 LMIC nursing scholarships, sponsored by Foundation S and SIOP
- Oct-Nov: Governance Committee approved additional Steering Group member position; welcomed newly elected members
  - Natalie Bradford (AUS), Mohammad Alqudimat (Jordan), Teri Stewart (Ottawa LOC)
- Nov: Released 2023-2027 Nursing Network Strategic Plan (Spanish)
- Dec: Updated Nursing Network webpage
- Dec: Call for Applications – My Child Matters Nursing Awards
- Dec: Formed 2023 Congress Planning Working Group

Meet-the-Expert sessions. We would like to thank Dr Jaume Mora and the Local Organising Committee for their efforts and hard work of bringing back the face-to-face Congress with a bang in the wonderful city of Barcelona, Spain.

Nutrition Network

Co-Chairs: Maya Prasad (India) and Jeremy Slone (USA)
Steering Group: Elena Ladas (Country), Erin Gordon (Country), Viani Karina (Country), Rajul Gala (India), Judy Schoeman (South Africa), and Wim Tissing (Netherlands)
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/nutrition-network/
The **SIOP Nutrition Network** updated its ToR and restructured its Steering Group in 2022. The Nutrition Network Steering Group has been meeting with several other stakeholders in paediatric cancer nutrition to establish multidisciplinary collaborations.

The Nutrition Network has initiated a project, funded by SIOP, to frame expert consensus guidelines on chemotherapy dosing in children with cancer based on body composition.

At the 2022 Annual SIOP Congress, there were around 50 presentations and abstracts related to nutrition, underlining the fundamental importance of nutrition in paediatric oncology.

The **Nutrition Section** of the POINTE website continues to serve as a repository of educational material and links pertaining to paediatric oncology nutrition.

The Nutrition Network looks forward to professionals from varied disciplines joining the network and promoting paediatric cancer nutrition science at SIOP Congresses and beyond.

### Evidenced Based Nutrition Practice Working Group

In 2022, the Evidenced Based Nutrition Practice Working Group updated its TOR and was renamed (from HIC Nutrition WG) to better reflect its activities. The WG (co-chairs: Erin Gordon, Wim Tissing) continues to meet regularly, with four meetings in 2022. The WG also completed fielding of the “Evaluating Nutrition Practices and Perceptions among Pediatric Oncology Nutrition Practitioners in High Income Countries” survey that aimed to capture baseline nutrition practices in HIC and is currently analysing the data with the hope to share results in 2023.

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**SIOP Global Health Network Vision**

**Advocacy:** to improve the access to universal and comprehensive cancer care that is appropriate for age, and respectful of family and socio-economic circumstances, cultural practices, and religious beliefs.

**Research:** to support the development of research capacity and to foster childhood cancer research across professional domains, in broad geographic, and diverse resource settings, that is scientifically sound and ethically appropriate to inform the improvement of cancer survival and the quality of the long-term outcome.

**Education and Training:** To support the professional education and training of the multidisciplinary healthcare workforce needed to serve the care of children, adolescents and young adults with cancer, and their families, living in limited-resource settings.

**Engagement:** with the endorsement of the SIOP Board of Directors, to collaborate with the broader SIOP membership, and with SIOP partner organizations, including (but not exclusive to) PROS, CCI, and IPSO.
Global Health Network

Co-Chairs: Michael Sullivan (Australia) and Muhammad Saghir Khan (Pakistan)
Core Steering Group: Caitlyn Duffy (USA), Neil Ranasinghe (UK), Bilal Qureshi (Pakistan), Judy Schoeman (South Africa), Nita Radhakrishnan (India) and Sadaf Altaf (Pakistan)
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/podc-working-groups/

The SIOP Global Health Network (GHN) is focused on addressing the unmet needs of children with cancer by fostering practical guidance for delivering cancer care for health professionals caring for children living in low-resourced settings. SIOP GHN has evolved into a global forum for multidisciplinary collaboration on research, education, and advocacy, in line with SIOP’s Vision that “No Child Should Die of Cancer; Cure for More and Care for All”. All SIOP members are welcome to join the GHN and its WGs based on their interests.

GHN Activities at the SIOP2022 Annual Congress:

- Scholarships: Based on abstract scores, 20 scholarships were offered to paediatric oncology professionals from low-resourced countries.
- The GHN Annual Assembly showcased the progress to date and shared the ongoing and future plans of GHN and its WGs.
- Six very well-attended educational sessions were offered, including “Best of GHN Free Paper Session” and an interactive session on “Advancing Paediatric Oncology Research in LMIC”.

GHN Transformations and Transitions

In 2022, GHN underwent a series of transformations to enable better collaboration within the WGs and its members. All GHN content, information and WG activities were moved from the Cure4Kids website to the SIOP website. The ToR of the GHN were revised through a highly consultative process. Some of the WGs, which shared similar themes and membership, were combined to form new WGs, as follows:

- Pharmacology WG: merged “Essential Medicine” and “Onco-pharmacy” WGs
- Psychosocial Wellbeing WG: merged “Treatment Abandonment” and “Psychosocial” WGs

Finally, a GHN Core Steering Group (CSG) was formed to better facilitate the governance and decision-making process, consistent overview, and implementation of the SIOP GHN Vision and activities.

In October 2023, Michael Sullivan will complete his 3-year term as GHN Co-Chair. SIOP has opened the Call for Nominations for this leadership position, which is a Board-level position. In late 2023, there will be nominations and elections for some WG Co-Chair positions.
GHN Adapted Treatment Regimens WG  
Co-Chairs: Michael Sullivan (Australia)  
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org  
Website: https://siop-online.org/adapted-management-guidelines-group/  

This WG did not report any activities in 2022. For more information, please contact the GHN Co-Chairs.

GHN Adolescents and Young Adults WG  
Co-Chairs: Elysia Alvarez (USA), Gabriela Villanueva (Argentina) and Ligia Rios Lopez (Peru)  
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org  
Website: https://siop-online.org/adolescents-and-young-adults-aya/  

HIC rates of AYA survival do not approach the survival rates of younger patients for many cancers. These outcome disparities are not as clearly documented in LMIC but are beginning to be recognized. Therefore, the GHN AYA WG is exploring the current landscape of care of AYA patients in LMIC.

In particular, the WG is exploring the AYA experiences in LMIC to determine how best to support patients, their caregivers and their medical providers over the entire cancer continuum including end-of-life care or survivorship. As a group, our members have created a transition of care document (to be used by AYAs when transitioning their care), conducted surveys of physicians and interviews of physicians, non-physician providers and AYA cancer survivors in Latin America on the barriers and facilitators of AYA care in Latin America. In addition, we helped coordinate and participated in a joint session that was part of the Young SIOP Network Education Day in Barcelona, 2022, called: “Unmet Needs for AYA: Opportunities for Advocacy through Treatment and Beyond”, which was a great success.

The WG has developed a collaboration with the SLAOP AYA WG and we plan on identifying other AYA groups with whom we can collaborate to broaden the impact of each of these groups to improve care of this patient population.

*Until October 2022.*
GHN Education and Training WG (CancerPOINTE)

Chairs: Shushan Hovsepyan (Armenia) and Neil Ranasinghe (UK)
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://cancerpointe.com

The SIOP GHN Education and Training Working Group (better known as CancerPOINTE) continues to be a source of information on activities, events, webinars, conferences, seminars, fellowships, and training for clinicians treating children with cancer in low resource settings. POINTE’s social media accounts are used to promote events held by SIOP, and SIOP Global Health Working Groups, and also promoting events by other institutions that are of interest. This includes European School of Oncology, SIOPE, SIOP Asia, SIOP Africa, Aga Khan University, SIOP CEDAR, LESS-Study, CHOC, Children's Cancer Centre of Lebanon, Sanofi any many more. We look forward to collaborating with you and promoting your events in 2023!

For more info, please follow CancerPOINTE in social media:
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter

GHN Nursing WG

Co-Chairs: Shelby Sandoval (USA), Shenila Anwar (Pakistan) and Liz Sniderman (USA)
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/nursing-working-group/

The year 2022 has been an amazing educational journey. During this year, The GHN Nursing WG had approximately 10 educational sessions which included joint sessions with other GHN WGs, including Supportive Care WG and Palliative Care WG. They also held sessions and created materials to help nurses prepare abstracts and presentations for the SIOP Annual Congress. All the educational materials were uploaded on the CancerPOINTE website for WG members to review later at their convenience. The Nursing WG has been actively using social media platforms for communication and sharing of various opportunities for nurses.

*Until October 2022.*
In 2022, GHN Nursing WG also focused on advocacy and networking. Group members created a poster for International Pediatric Oncology Nurses Day, which was translated into multiple languages and disseminated globally. Our Making Global Connections newsletter featured stories of nurses leading through crisis. Finally, the Nursing WG was able to transition from Cure4Kids to SIOP’s own platforms which have been effectively running over the last 6 months.

Our WG was thrilled to finally meet in person at the SIOP 2022 Annual Congress in Barcelona, after 3 long years of meeting and working together virtually.

Our WG welcomes SIOP nurse members from around the world. To get involved with our WG and to hear important announcements, including upcoming meetings, educational opportunities, scholarships, and more, please join our WhatsApp group and follow us on social media.

Social Media:
- Facebook: SIOP Global Health Network: Nursing Working Group
- Twitter: @SIOPpodcNursing
- WhatsApp: Join via the QR code or click here

GHN Nutrition WG

Co-Chairs: Judy Schoeman (South Africa) and and Minke Huibers (The Netherlands)
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Webpage: https://siop-online.org/nutrition-working-group/

The GHN Nutrition WG had a busy year with organising and hosting many educational sessions and events, as well as developing educational materials, research initiatives and publications.

Monthly Nutrition Education Sessions and Joint Meetings with Various GHN WGs:
- Body composition at diagnosis and during treatment
- Nutritional conditions, challenges, and role of malnutrition in LMICs
- Nutritional modification in compromised kidney function
• Nutrition and psychology
• In collaboration with GHN Palliative Care WG, Supportive Care WG & Nursing WG: Palliative care and feeding
• In collaboration with GHN T&CM WG: Survey: use of T&CM in Cameroon
• In collaboration with GHN Pharmacology WG: Role of pharmacist in parenteral nutrition

All sessions recorded & available on SIOP’s YouTube Channel

Education events:
• The GHN Nutrition WG partnered with International Initiative for Pediatrics and Nutrition (IIPAN) and World Child Cancer (WCC) to deliver a 5-day Nutrition workshop in Accra, Ghana (March 2022)
• We also partnered with IIPAN to deliver a Nutrition workshop at SIOP Africa, Kampala, Uganda (March 2022)
• Minke Huibers presented on Challenges among malnutrition and childhood cancer in LMIC at the 2022 SIOP Annual Congress, Barcelona, Spain (October 2022)
• Judy Schoeman presented on the Impact of Nutritional Status on Outcomes in Children with Cancer at the 24th National Health Sciences Research Symposium 2022 (December 2022)

Research initiatives:
• Ongoing research with IIPAN - Brazil, India, Central America, Africa

Publications
GHN Palliative Care WG

Co-Chairs: Michael J. McNeil (USA), Shahzadi Resham (Pakistan) and Justin Baker (USA)⁴
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/palliative-care-working-group/

The GHN Palliative Care WG held several educational sessions in 2022. These included a Children’s Palliative Care SIOP Pre-Conference Workshop on Assessment and Management of Neuropathic Pain (in consortium with SIOP GHN Nursing WG), a SIOP 2022 Annual Congress Session on Palliative Radiation Therapy (in consortium with St. Jude Global Academy), the Pediatric Palliative Oncology Symposium at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and a session on Nutrition at end-of life in collaboration with GHN Nursing, Nutrition and Supportive Care WGs.

As a contribution to the WHO GICC, palliative care guidelines for common childhood cancers are being established in collaboration with ARIA in resource-adapted child cancer treatment and care.

The St. Jude Pediatric Palliative Oncology Symposium 2022 saw increased SIOP membership. Members of the Palliative Care WG received free registration to the event.

The GHN Palliative Care WG has facilitated the paediatric palliative care research collaborations on Assessing Doctors’ Attitudes on Palliative Treatment (ADAPT) in Southeast Asia, POEM, Europe and China (ongoing).

GHN Partnerships WG

Co-Chairs: Nita Radhakrishnan (India), Cesar A. Nunez (USA), and Vikramjit S Kanwar (India)⁷
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Website: https://siop-online.org/twinning-collaboration-and-support-working-group/

The GHN Partnerships WG in 2022 has engaged interested centers to work towards common goals such as the WHO GICC and overall improvement in accessibility of care for LICs and MICs. The WG changed its name to GHN Partnerships WG to better reflect the focus of its work.

There is an update of the current version of Partnership Framework for institutions involved as well as future institutions recognising that the level of interaction or needs are quite variable and depend on the academic and technological advances in each entity.

We encourage content experts to join us to continue providing the appropriate support to the institutional champions as well as encourage them to provide the mentorship for the institutional partner. In that sense, the Partnership WG meetings were redesignated to be a monthly activity that included academic and executive discussion points. We had 3 meetings in 2022 where we discussed research proposals and educational activities.

⁴Until October 2022.
⁷Until October 2022.
**GHN Patient, Family and Stakeholder Engagement WG**

**Co-Chairs:** Bindu Nair (India) and Alejandra Mendez (Chile)
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**Website:** https://siop-online.org/patient-family-and-stakeholder-engagement-working-group/

This WG did not report any activities in 2022. For more information, please contact the GHN Co-Chairs.

**GHN Pharmacology WG**

**Co-Chairs:** Sherif Kamal (Egypt) and Brooke Bernhardt (USA)
**Contact for Inquiries:** programs@siop-online.org

This WG did not report any activities in 2022. For more information, please contact the GHN Co-Chairs.

**GHN PROS LMIC WG**

**Co-Chairs:** Jeannette Parkes (South Africa) and Bilal Qureshi (Pakistan)
**Contact for Inquiries:** programs@siop-online.org
**Website:** https://siop-online.org/pros-lmic/

The **GHN PROS LMIC WG** had a number of educational sessions in 2022, including at SIOP Africa 2022 Congress, PROS 2022 Congress, A2C Cape Town etc. Furthermore, the WG contributed to advocacy initiatives (GICC, Cancare Africa, and IAEA). The WG held a virtual WG meeting on March 30, 2022, and 2 in-person meetings (PROS Congress and SIOP 2022 Annual Congress). PROS WG members worked on a number of papers and submitted 4 abstracts for the SIOP 2022 Annual Congress.

**GHN Psychosocial Wellbeing WG**

**Co-Chairs:** Nicole Schneider (USA) and Aayushi Khaneja (India)
**Contact for Inquiries:** programs@siop-online.org
**Website:** http://siop-online.org/psycho-social-task-force/

In April 2022, the **GHN Psychosocial Wellbeing WG** conducted a survey to understand the needs of the WG members, which indicated an interest
in educational meetings, among others. The WG held 2 meetings in 2022. In June 2022, a WhatsApp group was launched to facilitate communication and informational sharing with WG members. In September 2022, because of common interests and collaboration, the WG merged with the GHN Abandonment of Treatment WG.

**GHN Supportive Care WG**

**Co-Chairs:** Miguela Caniza (USA) and Sadaf Altaf (Pakistan)

**Contact for Inquiries:** programs@siop-online.org

**Website:** [https://siop-online.org/supportive-care-working-group/](https://siop-online.org/supportive-care-working-group/)

The aim of the GHN Supportive Care (SC) WG is to provide a forum for reports, discussions, decisions, and planning of essential initiatives in SC to improve the survival of children with cancer globally. We concentrated in three major areas including infection care and prevention, holistic care (including rehabilitation medicine), blood safety, and other emerging priorities.

The year 2022 was a productive year for the SC WG. We conducted 12 monthly meetings for strategic planning among the leaders of the WG. We conducted 6 bi-months meetings with members of the WG where we addressed issues such as membership, 2022 educational and other professional events pertaining and affecting SC WG members, and progress reports of initiatives of our WG. Highlights of the meetings:

- Updates of WG operating procedures
- Reports of SC issues by regional SIOP representatives from Africa, Asia, and Latin America
- Reports and news from the Supportive Care Network affecting the SC WG
- Reports of collaborations with SIOP Nursing, SIOP Supportive Care in COVID vaccine for pediatric cancer.
- Announcements of educational opportunities in Infection Care and Prevention (St Jude Kiosk of Cases; Training in Infection Care and Prevention)
- Report on oral health project
- New projects conceptualised include:
  - “Needs assessment in the areas of knowledge, attitude, and practice for transfusion medicine among healthcare providers of children with cancer in low resource settings”.
  - “Optimizing vascular access in paediatric oncology in low resource settings”.

**Participation in the Annual Congress**

There was excitement for the SIOP 2022 Annual Congress. We conducted an educational session titled “Key Barriers in Pediatric Oncology Care”. The session covered complications of nutritional deficiencies in pediatric oncology care and safer vascular access in LMIC. Also, we collaborated with the Nursing and Supportive Care networks to lead the COVID-19 vaccine discussion.
GHN Traditional and Complementary Medicine WG

Co-Chairs: Mohammad Alqudimat (Canada) and Ahmad Farrag (Germany)
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/tcm-working-group/

The scope of the GHN Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) WG is to update the SIOP’s non-conventional therapies’ guideline in accordance with the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy and the UN Declaration of Rights for Indigenous Peoples. Our work summarizes what is known about traditional, complementary therapies, identifies safety and efficacy data for traditional and complementary medicine products and practices, defines inventive methods of harmonization of care (i.e. integrative care) and identifies best practices.
In 2022, we focused on education and raising awareness about using T&CM in paediatric oncology. We conducted 6 successful journal club sessions reviewing data reported from different WHO regions. 3 sessions were recorded and are available on the SIOP YouTube channel. Based on this activity, our WG members identified the need to conduct a mixed-methods multi-centers study in the Eastern Mediterranean Region to deepen our understanding of T&CM use in that region.

We welcomed more representatives from the Western Pacific Region (i.e. Malaysia) and South-East Asia Region (i.e. Indonesia) who showed interest in conducting a joint research study to understand health care providers’ attitudes towards and knowledge of T&CM. Moreover, the WG members are working on systematic/narrative reviews. We presented the findings of a narrative review of T&CM use by children with cancer in Turkey at the 2022 SIOP Congress in Barcelona.

**GHN Young LMIC WG**

**Co-Chairs:** Caitlyn Duffy (USA) and Venkatraman Radhakrishnan (India)

**Contact for Inquiries:** programs@siop-online.org

**Website:** https://siop-online.org/young-lmic/

The GHN Young LMIC WG is a joint undertaking between Young SIOP and SIOP GHN, representing the interests of young professionals in the field of paediatric oncology living in LMICs. It provides an important platform for young professionals in LMICs to exercise leadership and develop personally and professionally.

The WG hosted a well-received session at the SIOP 2022 Annual Congress. The theme of the session was “Advancing Paediatric Oncology Research in LMIC”. The session had a talk by Sameer Bakhshi (India) on Lessons learned from conducting clinical trials in LMIC, followed by Michelle Hermiston (USA) speaking on “How to share your amazing work with the world.” The session concluded with a panel discussion on “Experiences along the research continuum” with Carlos Rodríguez-Galindo (USA), Muhammad
Saghir (Pakistan), and Amos Loh Hong Pheng (Singapore).

The WG meets once every 2 months. We conducted 4 educational seminars focusing on the challenges of managing paediatric cancers and doing research in LMICs. The speakers included Gaurav Narula (India), Jane Hankins (USA), Michelle L. Hermiston (USA), and Scott Howard (USA), Nidhi Dhaliwal (India), Caitlyn Duffy (USA), Sanjeeva Gunasekera (Sri Lanka) and Liliana Vasquez (Peru).

Social Media
- Twitter: @SIOP_Young_LMIC
- WhatsApp: https://chat.whatsapp.com/BasdfPQbLODJ8M1VfZJoID

Paediatric Psycho Oncology Network

Chair: Christopher Recklitis (USA), Maria McCarthy (Australia) and Martha Grootenhuis (The Netherlands)

Steering Group: Victoria Williard (USA), Fiona Schulte (Canada), Jurgen Lemiere (Belgium), Stephen Sands (USA), Matt Bisset (Australia)

Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/paediatric-psycho-oncology-ppo-2/

The SIOP PPO Network is dedicated to showcasing high-quality research, facilitating international research collaborations, and promoting the integration of psychosocial care in childhood cancer care.

PPO Steering Group

In 2022, Martha Grootenhuis, the founder and long-term PPO Chair, stepped down. We welcomed Christopher Recklitis (US) and Maria McCarthy (Australia) as our new Co-Chairs. We also gave thanks to SG member Kelly van Bindsbergen (Netherlands) who will continue to pursue her excellent research work in paediatric psycho-oncology. Following an election process, we were excited to welcome new members Jurgen Lemiere (Belgium), Victoria Willard (US) and Matt Bisset (Australia). The Steering Group meets monthly.

*Until October 2022.*
“I found the sessions great, with a lot of competence, inspiration, and exchange - so I can only thank you very much for the organization!” Anonymous quote from attendee of the SIOP PPO Education Day

The PPO Education Day is always a highlight of the SIOP Annual Congress, bringing together highly renowned researchers in our field and attracting large audiences. In Barcelona, our Education Day focused upon the topic of pain associated with childhood cancer, with invited speakers Maarten Mensink (Netherlands) and Michelle Fortier (US), along with many other excellent speakers. The main conference programme included a symposium providing a global perspective on screening and interventions for patient distress with Professor Anne Kazak (US), Professor Martha Grootenhuis (Netherlands) and Professor Sophie-Ann Darlington (UK) and a keynote presentation on psycho-oncology implications of proton therapy by Dr Lisa Kahalley (US). Following the Congress, we surveyed PPO members, who indicated they value a range of research and clinical presentations and welcomed the opportunity the SIOP Congress provides to meet with eminent members of the field and colleagues from around the world.

Supportive Care Network

Co-Chairs: Rejin Kebudi (Turkey), Pia Delano (Chile) and Wim Tissing (Netherlands)*
Steering Group: Jess Morgan (UK), Sadaf Altaf (Pakistan), Thomas Lehrnbecher (Germany), Lee Dupuis (Canada), Lillian Sung (Canada), and Marianne Van de Wetering (Netherlands)
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Website: https://siop-online.org/supportive-care/

The SIOP Supportive Care Network has collaborated with other SIOP Networks and Working Groups in 2022. On the Education Day of the SIOP 2022 Annual Congress, the Supportive Care Network had three joint sessions in collaboration with the GHN Supportive Care WG and the Nursing Network. The sessions focused on “Integrative health- complementary interventions,” “the COVID-19 vaccine for paediatric oncology patients” that was based on a survey on COVID19 vaccine access and usage, and “Survivorship.” The sessions were well attended. There were also keynote lectures, symposia, oral and poster presentations on Supportive and Palliative Care topics.

The Supportive Care Network held online webinars in 2022. Topics included:

- Determinants of ototoxicity in childhood and adolescent cancer and future challenges
- Palliative care in cancer
- The role of physical therapy and rehabilitation for holistic cancer care
- COVID-19 vaccine for patients with cancer
- Childhood cancer survivorship and survivorship care planning

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Members of the SIOP Supportive Care Network are continuing to collaborate with the GHN Supportive Care WG, Nursing Network, CCI and international groups such as the International Paediatric Oncology Guideline (IPOG) Network, the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC), the Paediatric Working Party of the European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT), the Middle East Cancer Consortium.

Pia Delano was elected Co-Chair of the Supportive Care Network in October 2022, replacing Wim Tissing. Thank you, Tim, for your long commitment and service to SIOP.
Women Leaders in Paediatric Oncology Network

**Chairs:** Faith Gibson (UK)

**Steering Group:** Sarah Cohen-Gogo (France/Canada), Monica Cypriano (Brazil), Amita Trehan (India), Adedayo Joseph (Senegal), Eman Al-Shamsi (UAE), Giselle Saulnier-Sholler (USA)

**Contact for Inquiries:** programs@siop-online.org

**Website:** https://siop-online.org/women-leaders/

In May 2022, following a petition to the SIOP Board of Directors, a new SIOP Network was established: the SIOP Women Leaders in Paediatric Oncology (WLPO) Network. It aims to promote female leadership in paediatric oncology and camaraderie among female professionals in global health through public events, role modelling and networking opportunities. The Network aims to contribute to building the next generation of talented female professionals in paediatric oncology.

In July, after soliciting self-nomination, the Network appointed a Chair and a 6-member Steering Committee, which met for the first time in August 2022. A webpage for the WLPO Network was set up.

The main initiative of the Network is to organise a series of online/in-person events that feature women leaders of paediatric oncology and their work in the paediatric oncology field. Through these activities, the Network will strengthen bonds among female members of the Society, enable SIOP members to support each other and celebrate female leadership in paediatric oncology. Activities will be of interest to all SIOP members who are interested in advancing gender equity in paediatric oncology. Experience in other sectors teaches us that having a wide variety of female role models tends to boost the aspirations and career achievements of early-career female professionals who are navigating the complexity of education, career, family responsibilities, and childcare/elder-care. The Network seeks to foster a close-knit community of female paediatric oncology professionals who engage with SIOP over the long-term.

The Network organised 2 events which were very well attended. Recordings can be accessed at:

- **Event 1:** October 1, 2022: Dr. Katherine Matthay (USA) and Dr. Raya Saab (Lebanon)
- **Event 2:** December 9, 2022: Dr. Lori Wiener (USA), Rachel Hollis (UK), Dr. Naureen Mushtaq (Pakistan)

More events are planned for 2023, both online and in-person.

**Social media**

- Twitter: @PedOnco_Women
- LinkedIn Group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12668604/
Young SIOP Network

Chair: Korede Akindele (Nigeria) and Gemma Bryan (UK)\textsuperscript{10}
Steering Group: Sarah Cohen-Gogo (France/Canada), Gabriela Inés Villanueva (Argentina), Louise Guolla (Canada), Erin Christine Peckham-Gregory (USA), Cielle Stapleton (Canada), and Stephanie Pons (USA)\textsuperscript{11}
Contact for Inquiries: programs@siop-online.org
Website: https://siop-online.org/young-siop/

The Young SIOP Network (YSN) is one of the fastest-growing networks in SIOP and we are excited to be a part of its continued growth. YSN represents the interests of all SIOP members under the age of 40 from diverse disciplines working in the field of pediatric oncology worldwide.

After two years of virtual participation in the Annual SIOP congress, we were thrilled to be in person at the 2022 SIOP Congress. The YSN had 449 in-person and online attendees to the Congress, a record for YSN participation.

The 2022 Young SIOP Education Day was a great success and included a joint session with the Global Health Network and the Nursing Network. The Education Day sessions incorporated topics such as “Unmet Needs for AYA: Opportunities for Advocacy through Treatment and Beyond;” a research panel discussion chaired by lifetime achievement award winner Dr. Ronnie Barr, and our annual “Learning from My Failures” presentation featuring Julia Challinor. Our interactive, sold-out expert lunch was a huge success. We are grateful to our presenters, partners, and stakeholders.

The YSN social media presence has continued to triumph with our Twitter account currently being followed by over 2,500 people, our Instagram has grown its followers to 500+, and our LinkedIn has over 1,800 people doing outstanding work in paediatric oncology.

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Among several activities of the year 2022, we had the Young SIOP Chair transition from Gemma Bryan, who had demonstrated outstanding commitment to the Network over the past 3 years, to Korede Akindele, a childhood cancer advocate and policy driver from Nigeria, who had been previously involved as a member of the social media committee of the Young SIOP Network (YSN).

Our Education WG Chair position transitioned from Stephanie Pons to Cielle Stapleton, a pediatric oncologist in Canada. We are grateful to Stephanie for her hard work in building a strong Education Day programme over the last several years.

We established the YSN Rising Star Award in 2022. Our inaugural winner was Dr. Khaled Ghanam, a Pediatric Oncologist working in Damascus, Syria. His strong leadership has supported the exponential growth of their department, expanding services to his region despite recent war and turmoil.

The YSN will continue to demonstrate its commitment by riding on the uniqueness of our community to drive initiatives and collaborations with stakeholders, networks, and partners in line with the SIOP goals and objectives that will further create a thriving environment for SIOP members under the age of 40.

We encourage you to join our network and working groups! We are always looking for new members for our WGs:

- Young SIOP Educational Day WG
- Collaborative Events WG
- Social Media WG
- Membership Engagement WG

Please help us extend our reach and grow our voice by following YSN on Social Media:

- Twitter: @youngsiop
- Facebook: Young SIOP Network
- Blog: https://siopyi.blogspot.com/
- Instagram: @youngsiop
- LinkedIn: Young SIOP Network
GLOBAL MAPPING PROGRAMME

The SIOP Global Mapping Programme took some big steps forward in Latin America in 2022. With a lot of hard work and patience, we have captured data from all countries in Central America and across Spanish-speaking countries in South America. Andrea Cappellano, SIOP Continental President for Latin America/ SLAOP is now surveying Brazil. We are excited to see the full data results that are now in a database managed by our partner Resonance Health.

We have also started surveying Southeast Asia and have much data from Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia already, but this work is continuing until we have data from all the centres in these 5 countries. We appreciate the help from our many SIOP members in the region who have assisted us.

2023 is going to be a big year as we are starting a very important collaboration with the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Chapter of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics, which will begin mapping childhood cancer services across India.

We are excited about the new interactive map that will be launched in 2023. This will be of benefit to clinicians and families because it will show where children with cancer are currently being treated.

Thank you to all the people that gave up their time to provide information about their institutions. This anonymised data is providing regional and national organisations with a better picture of care for children with cancer and is also helping SIOP gain a deeper understanding of the global picture. Anonymised data is currently being used for research, writing papers and advocating for more resources. SIOP is grateful for the ongoing support from Foundation S – The Sanofi Collective for the Global Mapping Programme.

ACADEMIC JOURNALS

SIOP members have free online access to Pediatric Blood & Cancer (PBC), published monthly by Wiley-Blackwell. PBC is the official journal of the International Society of Pediatric Oncology (SIOP) and ASPHO. SIOP nurse members could choose between a PBC access or an online free access to the European Journal of Oncology Nursing.
SIOP PARTNERSHIPS

Building upon our new structure for collaborative partnerships announced in the 2021 SIOP Annual Report, SIOP has partners with the following organisations during 2022: (Memorandums of Understandings: World Child Cancer, Foundation S); Strategic Alliance Agreements (no new ones in 2022); and Project Agreements: Indian Academy of Pediatrics’ Pediatric Hematology Oncology Chapter. These agreements provide clarity about what each organisation brings to the partnership, strengthens joint work and strategic planning and avoids duplication of efforts in achieving our common purpose of improving care and outcomes for children with cancer. A huge amount of work continues under other existing partnerships described elsewhere in this report, especially with WHO and St Jude Global.

SIOP also works closely with several other organisations whose vision and mission aligns with ours. Of note, the current SIOP President, the SIOP Immediate Past President and the President-Elect attended the launch of Foundation S – the Sanofi Collective, the new philanthropic endowment fund of Sanofi, in May 2022. SIOP will support in the delivery of the ongoing My Child Matters (MCM) programme. This is the signature initiative on childhood cancers that supports grassroots projects in countries with significant disparity of access to cancer care aiming to reduce inequalities. Additionally, the MCM Nursing awards have enabled important nursing research and quality improvement work in similar regions worldwide.

During 2022, SIOP has contributed to an important initiative led by the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) to model expected optimal radiotherapy utilization rates for specific childhood cancers. This will provide essential information for ministries of health in planning the radiotherapy workforce and facilities they need for children with cancer in their population. During the World Cancer Congress in October 2022, we partnered with the Slovak Republic to hold a side-event entitled “Closing the Gaps in Childhood Cancer through Cancer Registry Collaboration”. The programme focused on the importance of childhood cancer-specific registry data to improve surveillance and understanding of variation, highlighting the work of the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (ChildGICR) and the WHO EURO report on childhood cancer inequalities. We look forward to continued work with all these partners towards a future event at the World Health Assembly in May 2023.
SIOP-St Jude ARIA Global Guideline Collaboration

ARIA Project Leaders: Nickhill Bhakta (St Jude Children’s Research Hospital) and Michael Sullivan (SIOP Global Health Network)

The Adapted Resource and Implementation Application (ARIA) Programme for Childhood Cancer Treatment is a joint effort by SIOP and St. Jude Global Program (Executive Sponsors) in collaboration with Childhood Cancer International (CCI), International Society of Paediatric Surgical Oncology (IPSO), and Paediatric Radiation Oncology Society (PROS). The ARIA achievements in 2022 include:

- Formation of the ARIA Steering Committee to provide advisory oversight and recommendations to the ARIA Executive Sponsors and ARIA Program Directors. The Steering Committee has one representative from each of the 5 partners and 3 members-at-large.
- The Adapted Management Guidelines (AMGs) are in development and will serve as comprehensive adapted, resource-stratified guidance documents.
- The “ARIA Guide”, a web-based clinical decision aid tool and dissemination platform to facilitate access of resource-stratified clinical treatment and management guidance for registered users, has been created and is being further refined before becoming operational.
- Several disease guidelines are nearing completion and will be reviewed by an external expert review group before release. Others are in various stages of development.
- An invited representative from the WHO GICC team has been attending the Steering Committee’s monthly meetings to enhance communication and transparency between the two initiatives.

The ARIA Programme is dependent on expert participation of professionals and key stakeholders (e.g., parents and survivors) from countries at all income levels. It is expected that the ARIA Programme will facilitate access to resource-stratified clinical treatment and management guidance for registered users in the near future.
2022 SIOP AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

Every year, SIOP gives out a number of awards and scholarships to recognize excellence in scientific progress. The recipients of each award and scholarship are listed below.

Fasanelli Prize
https://siop-online.org/the-fasanellinollenburg-prize/
- 2022 Winner is Philip Heesen (Switzerland)

Global Health Network Scholarships
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### Sanofi Espoir Foundation’s My Child Matters Scholarships

SIOP would like to thank Foundation S “My Child Matters” for their generous support in 2022 for the over 100 scholarships provided to nurses, Young SIOP members and members based in LIC/LMIC/UMICs.

### Schweisguth Prize
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Lieke Van Zogchel, (Netherlands), 2022 Winner for Clinical Trials
- Detection of Minimal Residual Disease (MRD) in High-Risk Neuroblastoma is Associated with Survival Outcomes: Final Results of International GPOH-DCOG MRNA QPCR Prospective Validation Study

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