



Committee Name

SIOp Asia Scientific Committee

Purpose

The SIOp Asia Scientific Committee (SC) was created to organise all aspects of the scientific program of the Annual SIOp Asia Congress.

The SC closely collaborates with the SIOp Secretariat and the Professional Congress Organizing Company (PCO) in the development of the Scientific Program of the SIOp Asia Congress. The SC also provides independent scientific expertise on the content and structure of the Congress program. The SC is led by a Chair.

The SC is guaranteed independence in order to put together a strong Scientific Program for the Asia Congress.

Scope

The SC is responsible for the following.

- Content and quality of the scientific program of the Annual SIOp Asia Congress. The SC determines the call for abstracts, call for late-breaking abstracts, the Congress program skeleton design, Congress format, program, symposia, keynotes, meet-the-expert sessions, invited speakers, poster discussants and session chairs.
- Selection of the winner of the Best SIOp Asia Abstract Award (based on abstract scores)
- Coordinates and oversees the work of the Asia Scientific Programme Advisory Working Group, whose role is to review and score submitted abstracts to support the SC's selection of abstracts for oral and poster presentations.
- Work closely with the PCO and the SIOp Secretariat on any key program issues (such as call for abstracts, abstract selection)

Authority

The format of the Congress programme is developed by the Asia SC under the leadership of the SC Co-Chairs of the SC. However, programme ideas and changes can be suggested by any member of the SC, the Asia Executive Board or the PCO and be brought forward for discussion and approval to the SC at any time. The Congress program runs over three days.

The preliminary symposia, keynote lectures, meet-the-professor sessions, and meet-the-expert sessions of the Congress are drafted by the SC by building upon the preceding year's Congress program. The program is finalized in a timely manner to allow sufficient time to invite speakers and make alternate plans if the speakers decline the invitation.

The SC does not participate in the creation of any networking sessions or cultural components of the Congress. Those are the responsibility of the PCO in collaboration with the Local Organizing Committee.

Membership

The SC members will represent a broad range of childhood cancers, diverse geography across the Asia region, and scientific expertise. The inaugural composition of the SC will be 13 members; after 2027 Uzbekistan Congress, the number of SC positions will be 12.

There are 6 core members of the SC: Chair and SC members who are responsible for the following areas: Haematology, Neuro-oncology, Solid tumors, Soft tissue tumors and Translational/Molecular Biology.

Furthermore, there 6 SC members appointed to the SC by various partner organizations or SIOP Networks – CCI, IPSO, PROS, Nursing, PPO and Supportive Care.

Finally, there is one Local representative – this is a SC member position which will be in place for only the Uzbekistan 2027 Congress and discontinued after that.

All members of the SC are SIOP members in good standing, with membership fees for the current calendar year paid, and reside in Asia.

- 1) CCI rep x1
- 2) IPSO rep x1
- 3) PROS rep x1
- 4) Local rep x1
- 5) Chair x1
- 6) Nursing rep x1
- 7) Haematology x1
- 8) Neuro-oncology x1
- 9) Solid tumors x1
- 10) Soft tissue tumors x1
- 11) Translational/Molecular Biology x1
- 12) Supportive Care x1
- 13) Psycho-oncology x1

SC Member Terms

Half of the inaugural SC will have terms that are 2 years long and the other half of the inaugural SC will have terms that are 3 years long, including the Chair. After the inaugural SC, following SC members will have a regular term of 3 years.

The local representative is a SC member position with 1 year term (July 2026 to June 2027) only; this position will be discontinued after the 2027 Uzbekistan SIOP Asia Congress.

Appointed vs Selected Positions

The following SC positions are appointed:

- CCI rep, appointed by CCI Asia
- IPSO rep, appointed by IPSO
- PROS rep, appointed by PROS
- Local rep, appointed by the SIOF Asia President
- Nursing rep, appointed by the SIOF Nursing Network
- Psycho-oncology, appointed by the SIOF PPO Network
- Supportive care, appointed by the SIOF Supportive Care Network

The following SC positions are selected by the SIOF Asia Executive Board

- Chair
- Haematology
- Neuro-oncology
- Solid tumors
- Soft tissue tumors
- Translational/Molecular Biology

The overall composition of the SC should demonstrate a good geographic balance representing Asia.

Positions are only 1 term and no extensions or second terms are possible in order to give more Asia members the chance to apply for and experience a leadership position at SIOF.

The SIOF Secretariat manages the call for nominations. All applicants must be SIOF members in good standing, with membership fees paid, and all must reside full time in an Asian country. This is also a requirement for the CCI, IPSO and PROS representatives.

Chair of the Scientific Committee

The Chair is responsible for the overall Scientific Program of the Congress. The Chair leads the Scientific Committee and works to ensure the highest level of scientific knowledge and rigor is offered at the Asia Congress. The Chair works closely with the PCO and the SIOF Secretariat to ensure that the overall process to design and deliver the Congress program is on track and meets key milestones.

The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the Asia Scientific Program Advisory Committee (Asia-SPAC) is convened and scores all the abstracts in a timely fashion.

The Chair has a 3-year term and must be a SIOF member in good standing (with membership fees paid for each year) and must reside in Asia.

Compensation

All SC positions are volunteer, unpaid positions. As a gesture of appreciation for the hard work to put together a Congress scientific program, the Congress fee for all SC members will be waived.

SIOF Asia Congress Locations

The SIOF Asia Congress location for 2027 is Uzbekistan. For 2028 and beyond, the Congress location will be chosen by the PCO and SIOF President. The SC does not participate in the selection process for the SIOF Asia Congress venue.

Meeting arrangements

The SC meets regularly online in the period between abstract submission deadline and SIOF Asia Congress.

Reporting

The SC, as represented by the SC Chair, reports to the SIOF Asia Executive Board.