ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2026

Name:

Global Health Network
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Traditional and Complementary Medicine Working Group
Co-Chairs: Ahmed Farrag, Roberto Campos Jeldres

Palliative Care Working Group
Co-Chairs: Michael McNeil and Miray Yıldırım

Adolescent and Young Adult (GHN AYA) Working Group
Chair/Co-Chair/Continental President: Ruzanna Papyan and Gabriela Villanueva

PROS LMIC
Njoki Nkiraini, Kenya, Bilal Qureshi, Pakistan

Artificial Intelligence Working Group
Uri Ilan, Pablo Velasco,

Partnership Working Group
Cesar Nunez, and Mahmoud Elzembely

Research and Innovations Working Group
Caitlyn Duffy, Shushan Hovsep

<u>Strategy Goal 1: Advocating globally for children and adolescents with cancer</u>

Traditional and Complementary Medicine Working Group:
The Working Group continued to advocate for the safe, evidence-informed and equitable integration of traditional, complementary and integrative medicine (TCIM) within pediatric cancer care. Educational activities emphasized open communication with children, adolescents and families about TCIM use, multidisciplinary decision-making, patient safety, and the importance of adapting integrative care models to different health-system and resource settings. The Working Group also promoted discussion of implementation challenges in low- and middle-income countries, particularly in Latin America and Africa, alongside relevant global policy considerations.

The Palliative Care Working Group
The Palliative Care Working Group continued to advocate for early, equitable, culturally responsive, and whole-person palliative care for children and adolescents with cancer. Through its educational and collaborative activities, the WG highlighted communication,

psychosocial support, family-centred care, and continuity across the cancer journey, including during major treatment decisions and transition to adult care.

Additionally, members of the SIOP GHN PC WG are currently in the WHO PC Working Group and have been advocating for including pediatric palliative care in the WHO initiatives.

Adolescent and Young Adult (GHN AYA) Working Group
The SIOP GHN AYA Working Group is leading an international Transition of Care (ToC) consensus project, co-led by Dr. Ruzanna Papyan and former Working Group Co-Chair Dr. Gabriela Villanueva. The project aims to develop equitable, globally applicable, and resource-adapted recommendations for the transition of adolescents and young adults with cancer between paediatric and adult-oriented services.

The SIOP GHN AYA Working Group also presented the GHN AYA Care Award 2026, creating an international opportunity to recognize professionals advancing equitable and multidisciplinary AYA cancer care.

<u>Strategy Goal 2: Promoting research to improve outcomes for patients</u>

Traditional and Complementary Medicine Working Group:
The Working Group supported the SIOP Latin America and SIOP Africa Traditional & Complementary Medicine questionnaire project, designed to better characterize TCIM use, practices and perspectives in pediatric oncology across the region. Ethical approval activities were undertaken in early 2026, followed by multicenter data collection during 2026. This initiative aims to generate regional evidence that can inform safer communication, education, future research priorities and implementation strategies for integrative pediatric oncology.

The Palliative Care Working Group
WG members continued to contribute to the ARIA Guide Palliative Care context-adaptation process. In 2026, this included participation in the Grief and Bereavement context-adaptation work, bringing perspectives from different cultural and resource settings to support the relevance and applicability of palliative care guidance across contexts.

Additionally, in collaboration with SIOP Africa and SIOP NA 3 manuscripts are currently being written and will be submitted in the next 2-3 months on the perceptions of palliative care for children with cancer around the world.

Adolescent and Young Adult (GHN AYA) Working Group
Two modified Delphi rounds have been completed as part of the Transition of Care consensus project. The project involves 49 multidisciplinary experts from across the world, including professionals affiliated with SIOP networks and groups, ESMO, SBOC, EONS, the Mexican paediatric and adult oncology societies, MASCC, EBMT, ASCO, and adult oncology services in South Africa.

The Working Group is also contributing to the Frontiers Research Topic, "Transition of Care in AYA Oncology: Global Models, Survivorship, and Equity," supporting the dissemination of research and resource-adapted models of transition and survivorship care.

Artificial Intelligence Working Group

- **AI Tool Collaborations & Initiatives: We are expanding collaborations with technology partners and incubators, piloting trusted tester programs for literature synthesis and guideline support, establishing a live AI validation registry, and launching regional networks including Latin America initiatives.**

Partnership Working Group
Partnership with Global-Health SIOP-NA (Cesar Nunez – Jeremy Slone).
Collaboration with ASPHO and SIOP-NA in Webinar

- **161 registered**
- **80 unique viewers**
- **Countries represented: 64**
- **YouTube Views (as of 9/7/26): 98**

Partnership with SIOP-NA (CN) and SLAOP.
Joint Pre SIOP San Antonio September 13-14 / 2026

<u>Strategy Goal 3: Providing education and training</u>

Traditional and Complementary Medicine Working Group:
The Working Group delivered a 2026 Global Webinar Series on evidence-based integrative oncology in pediatric cancer care.
• March 16, 2026 – "Integrative Oncology in Pediatric Cancer Care: Global Perspectives and 10 Years of Implementation." Speaker: Dr. Ricardo Ghelman, Pediatric Oncologist, Brazil. The webinar explored the global landscape of integrative oncology in pediatric cancer care, implementation challenges in low- and middle-income countries, experiences from Latin America and Brazil, safe multidisciplinary integration, and relevant WHO policy considerations.
• June 24, 2026 – "Evidence-Based Integrative Care for Children with Cancer." Speaker: Prof. Elena J. Ladas, Columbia University, USA. The session reviewed opportunities for inclusion of integrative health in childhood cancer care, evidence supporting selected modalities, and clinical examples of a whole-

- September 17, 2026- "Non-pharmacological approach for palliative pain control: what is the evidence." Speaker: Dr.med. Roberto Campos Jeldres, Coordinator of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology and Pediatric Palliative Care at Hospital Las Higueras in Talcahuano and is Chief of Pediatrics and Coordinator of Pediatric Oncology at Clínica Sanatorio Alemán in Concepción. Moderator: Dr.med. Ahmed Farrag, Associate Professor of Pediatric Oncology and Consultant of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Children's Hospital of Central Switzerland. The session reviewed evidence-based use of TCIM in palliative care in children suffering from cancers.

Together, these activities strengthened access to evidence-based education and practical guidance for the safe integration of TCIM into pediatric oncology.

The Palliative Care Working Group
In collaboration with the SIOP Paediatric Psycho-Oncology Network, the WG organized the webinar "From Decision to Adaptation: Supporting Children and Families Through Cancer-Related Amputation," addressing communication, decision-making, preparation, psychosocial and palliative care support, and adaptation after amputation. The WG is also actively preparing an educational webinar on palliative care in retinoblastoma for October 2026, with attention to the needs of children with advanced disease and challenges in resource-limited settings.

Adolescent and Young Adult (GHN AYA) Working Group The SIOP GHN AYA Working Group organized the 90-minute session "Transition of Care for Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer" during the SIOP 2026 Global Health Network Education Day on September 15, 2026, in San Antonio.

The session presented the consensus project's findings, vision, and next steps and included paediatric palliative care, survivorship, and nursing perspectives. Dr. Maya Prasad, recipient of the GHN AYA Care Award 2026, was given the opportunity to present the survivorship perspective. The session concluded with a multidisciplinary discussion on translating the consensus recommendations into practice.

PROS LMIC
Education Sessions/Workshops:

- SIOP GHN -PROS LMIC quarterly CME sessions ongoing with support of WPE, Germany
- Radiation Oncology Workshop at SIOP Africa 2026 - Lagos Nigeria
- Paediatric radiation Oncology workshop in Karachi, Pakistan
- SIOP Asia, Mongolia, June 2026: Radiation Oncology Session with speakers from US, Japan & Australia
- SNOSSA Meeting July 2026, Dar Es Salaam, TZ & regular education sessions on Thursday Evening
- SIOP Congress session , San Antonio,USA, September 2026
- Upcoming Paeds RT session at KESHO KICC , Mombasa , KE in November 2026
- Upcoming PBTW in December 2026 - CapeTown, RSA
- SIOP 2026 San Antonio: Education day sessions with AYA & Global Mapping WG

Global Representation

- ARIA Steering committee, ACC , Global Representative Panel and external reviewer
- Regular meeting core WG Members and IAEA - Monthly
    - Pediatric Radiotherapy Handbook Launch at PROS 2026
    - Pediatric Radiation Oncology Curriculum Framework – PROS Endorsement →Publication

    - Short & Long term Pediatric Radiation Oncology trainings Consultancy Meeting in Vienna: Feb 2026
    - Quality Pediatric Radiotherapy Service – QUATRO Meeting in Vienna: April 2026
    - IAEA Scholarships for PROS 2026 Congress in Cancun: 6 Awardees
    - EduMod
- Collaboration with SIOP Survivorship Network
- New collaboration with SIOP GHN on AYA Guidelines

Artificial Intelligence Working Group

- **Congress Sessions: We hosted a dynamic and well-attended session at the SIOP Annual Congress featuring live interactive segments, tool walkthroughs, and strong active participation across leadership.**
- **Webinar Series Planning:** We have structured an upcoming modular webinar series covering AI fundamentals (including global and SLAOP Spanish sessions), AI in medical education and research, patient/parent communication tools, and specialized sessions such as the DECIDE-AI framework.
- **AI Tool Collaborations & Initiatives:** We are expanding collaborations with technology partners and incubators, piloting trusted tester programs for literature synthesis and guideline support, establishing a live AI validation registry, and launching regional networks including Latin America initiatives.

<u>Strategy Goal 4: Increasing membership engagement and retention</u>

Traditional and Complementary Medicine Working Group:
As of August 2026, the Traditional and Complementary Medicine Working Group had 143 members. The Working Group used its educational webinar series and collaborative research activities to create opportunities for members to engage with international experts, exchange experiences across regions, and participate in the development of evidence-informed TCIM in pediatric oncology. These activities also supported visibility of the Working Group within the broader SIOP community.

The Palliative Care Working Group
The Palliative Care WG had 329 members as of August 2026. Members have been engaged through webinars, collaborative projects, context-adaptation activities, and cross-network initiatives, creating opportunities for participation in education, guideline adaptation, and global discussions relevant to pediatric palliative oncology.

Adolescent and Young Adult (GHN AYA) Working Group
As of August 2026, the SIOP GHN AYA Working Group had 366 members. Engagement has been promoted through participation in research projects, Delphi panels, educational activities, award nominations, and collaboration with international professional networks.

<u>Strategy Goal 5: Strengthening and expanding strategic partnerships</u>

Traditional and Complementary Medicine Working Group:
The Working Group strengthened international and cross-regional collaboration through educational and research activities involving experts and institutions from Latin America and North America. The 2026 webinar series included collaboration with Dr. Ricardo Ghelman from Brazil and Prof. Elena J. Ladas from Columbia University, USA, bringing complementary perspectives on implementation, evidence and whole-person care.

The Palliative Care Working Group
The WG strengthened collaboration across SIOP and with global partners. Key activities included collaboration with the Paediatric Psycho-Oncology Network on the cancer-related amputation webinar; ongoing contribution to the ARIA Guide Palliative Care context-adaptation work; and participation in the AYA-led Transition of Care project, bringing a pediatric palliative care perspective to whole-person care, communication, psychosocial needs, and continuity across the pediatric–adult care boundary.

Adolescent and Young Adult (GHN AYA) Working Group

The SIOP GHN AYA Working Group has strengthened partnerships with SIOP networks, regional groups, professional disciplines, patient advocates, and external organizations through the Transition of Care consensus project and related educational and research initiatives.

The multidisciplinary Steering Committee includes representatives from the SIOP GHN AYA Working Group, SIOP Survivorship Network, SIOP and SIOP Europe Nursing Networks, Childhood Cancer International, and the GHN and SLAOP psychosocial groups. The broader expert panel also includes professionals affiliated with ESMO, SBOC, EONS, the Mexican paediatric and adult oncology societies, MASCC, EBMT, ASCO, and adult oncology services in South Africa.

Membership Data that you may reference if needed:

Group/Network/Branch	Number of Current Members, Aug 2026
Europe	393
Asia	1,539
Latin America	226
North America	842
Oceania	132
Africa	592
AI in Paed. Oncology WG	206
AYA WG	366
Global Health Network	859
Palliative Care WG	329
Partnerships WG	218

PROS WG	183
Psychosocial Wellbeing WG	352
Research and Innovations WG	390
Traditional and Complementary Medicine WG	143
Young SIOP Network	1,171
Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine WG	116
Supportive Care Network	446
Nutrition Network	302
Nursing Network	639
Epidemiology and Outcomes Network	254
Paediatric Psycho-Oncology Network	424
Survivorship Network	341
Women Leaders in Paediatric Oncology Network	1,755