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Strategy Goal 1: Advocating globally for children and adolescents with cancer

- **Young SIOP-Asia Rising Star Award 2026:** presented to Dr Chane Choed-Amphai (Thailand), paediatric haematology/oncology and BMT/cellular therapy faculty member at Chiang Mai University Hospital. The award recognises his work building sustainable, resource-adapted systems of care – from establishing northern Thailand's first paediatric allogeneic BMT/cellular therapy programme to expanding access to CAR-T therapy and precision oncology for children who would otherwise have limited treatment options.
- SIOP Asia educational webinars in 2026 drew regional attention to inequities in childhood cancer care, including the global burden of childhood cancer in LMICs and the Asia-Pacific region, and paediatric oncology care in Syria under conditions of conflict.

Strategy Goal 2: Promoting research to improve outcomes for patients

- **SIOP Asia 2026 Congress, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (25–28 June 2026):** 242 attendees from 46 countries; 240 presentations across the scientific programme, delivered by 145 speakers.
- **SIOP Asia Scientific Committee:** newly established to steer the region's scientific programme, chaired by Kirill Kirgizov.
- **Scientific Programme Advisory Working Group (SPAWG):** an open call for members has been launched to shape the scientific programme of SIOP Asia 2027.
- **SIOP Asia 2027 Congress, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (24–26 May 2027):** abstract submission opened in September 2026 and submissions are welcome via the SIOP website.

Strategy Goal 3: Providing education and training

- **SIOP Asia Educational Sessions:** two webinars held in 2026 (March and June), featuring 6 speakers and reaching over 100 participants:
  - 12 March 2026 – "Global Burden of Disease in Childhood Cancer: Why It Matters for LMICs and the Asia-Pacific Region", with Lisa Force (Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington) and Venkatraman Radhakrishnan (Cancer Institute (WIA), Chennai).
  - 11 June 2026 – "Paediatric Oncology in Syria: Reality and Resilience", facilitated by Dr Khaled Ghanem.

- 15 October 2026 – “Advancing Paediatric Liver Tumor Care: Bridging Global Standards and Asia-Pacific Practice”, with Assoc. Prof. Allison O’Neill, Prof. Tomoro Hishiki and Prof. Michael Sullivan.

- The pan-Asia educational webinar series is led by the SIOP Asia Country Ambassador from Thailand.

Strategy Goal 4: Increasing membership engagement and retention

- **Membership:** Asia is SIOP's largest region, with 1,782 members across 47 countries – 41.4% of SIOP's global membership (4,306). The largest country memberships are Uzbekistan (293), India (281), China (177) and Pakistan (153).
- **Member profile:** physicians make up half of Asia members (50%), followed by Young SIOP trainees (20%) and nurses (19%). The median age is 40.5 years, and 45% of members are under 40.
- **Country Ambassadors Initiative:** 45 ambassadors across 27 countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Vietnam). Thanks to the promotional work of the Ambassador from Uzbekistan, membership there grew from 6 in 2024 to 220 in 2025 and 291 in 2026.
- **SIOP Asia Meet-Ups:** informal, in-person networking gatherings organised by Ambassadors and members. 9 Meet-Ups took place in 8 countries in July–August 2026, following 18 Meet-Ups in 16 countries (May–June 2025) and 15 in 12 countries (December 2025), with over 1,000 attendees in total.
- **Engagement priorities:** online event registration (15.7% vs 20.2% globally) and donations (0.4% vs 0.5%) trail the SIOP-wide average and will be the focus of regional digital-engagement campaigns. Most Asia members are on 1-year plans, so multi-year membership options will be promoted to improve retention.
- **Open leadership positions:** applications are open for SIOP Asia Country Ambassadors and for members of the SPAWG for SIOP Asia 2027.

Strategy Goal 5: Strengthening and expanding strategic partnerships

- **OncoDaily partnership:** 566 free 2026 SIOP memberships granted to members across 34 Asian countries, led by Pakistan (94), India (88) and China (87), followed by Thailand (37) and Bangladesh (34).