



Terms of reference

SIOP Young Investigators Network

Role of the SIOP Young Investigators Network

The SIOP Young Investigator (YI) Network represents the interests of young investigators in the field of paediatric oncology. It provides a platform for young investigators to develop research and scientific skills, and facilitates an international research network with other young investigators in paediatric oncology.

Definition of a SIOP Young Investigator

A SIOP Young Investigator is:

- Any SIOP member or associate member under the age of 40 years*
- From any clinical or academic background
- No postgraduate qualifications necessary

(Note: this age may be variable dependent upon other factors, for example if the member can demonstrate time spent off work due to parental leave, this may contribute to extending the age limit)

Goals and objectives

In close collaboration with the SIOP Executive board, the SIOP Young Investigators Network aims to:

- Integrate the interests of young investigators within the SIOP objectives
- Provide opportunities for networking and collaboration amongst international young investigators, either online or in person
- Reach out to other young investigators to promote active involvement of young investigators in SIOP, including through collaboration with other SIOP committees and working groups
- Develop and implement sessions in the SIOP congresses directed towards young investigators from a diverse range of backgrounds

Structure of the Young Investigator Board

- Meet regularly (at least once a month)
- Must be an “active” SIOP YI Member (e.g., be an active member of a committee) for at least one year to be nominated for a Board Member position
- Board will include not less than 3 and no more than 6 members
- Board Members may be nominated by any of the SIOP YI members
- Term: Three years; May serve additional years if desired and agreed on by the remaining Board Members, which may be consecutive (maximum of 5 years)
- The Chair of the YI Board is chosen by the YI Board, after serving on the board for at least 1 year. The term of the Chair is 2-4 years, and must comply with the maximum 5 years term of

the Board Member. The Chair is responsible for organising Board meetings, and for ensuring that the above goals and objectives are met.

Structure of the Young Investigator committees

- Each made up of 3-6 SIOP YI Members, including one chair and one co-chair
- Any member can participate in SIOP YI committees if they wish
- Meet regularly, dependent upon the requirements of the committees (at least 6 times per year)
- The chair of each sub-committee must be a Board Member who will represent the committee in Board meetings

Young Investigator Membership

- Must have SIOP membership
- Members can participate in SIOP YI committees if they wish
- May bring up suggestions to the SIOP YI-NET Board if they wish