



Message from the President and the Office



Summer is here, most people are enjoying their holidays, but we are working on the next projects in the pipeline. In this newsletter, you will read about many important developments and news: our community is really proving its dedication to the cause of improving the quality and accessibility of paediatric cancer care across the whole of Europe. To really be part of this major effort, come and be an active participant to the upcoming SIOPE-ENCCA Conference 2014 next month!

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Members of the European Parliament commit to childhood cancer research, treatment and care

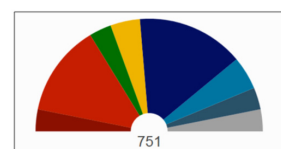
Last February, SIOPE effectively obtained the commitment of EU institutions and civil society representatives to act and support children and young adults with cancer. As a result of our efforts, several Members of the European Parliament enthusiastically agreed to endorse the SIOPE-ENCCA-ICCCPO electoral Manifesto for Paediatric Oncology, a fundamental document setting up clear objectives for an agenda to advance childhood cancer research, treatment and care.



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SIOPE and the European Parliament: what is in it for paediatric oncology after the elections?

On May 22 - 25 2014, EU citizens in all 28 Member States had the opportunity to voice their priorities for the Europe they want and contribute directly to shaping future policies. The occasion was of course the European Elections 2014 - taking place every five years via direct universal suffrage, an important process determining which Members will form the European Parliament in the next legislative term. As a result of the May 2014 election, only half of the previous European Parliament composition has returned to their seats for the period 2014 - 2019. What do these changes mean for the European haemato-oncology community?



■ EPP: European People's Party: 221 (29.43%)
■ S&D: Socialists and Democrats: 191 (25.43%)
■ Greens/European Free Alliance: 50 (6.66%)

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EU Project Updates

■ Latest News from ExPO-r-Net



Building a European network to provide excellent paediatric oncology treatment and care

2014 is an important year for us: while the ENCCA project is steadily continuing to achieve its results and establish a European 'Network of Excellence' of paediatric oncology research, a new important EU-funded project saw the light last March. Focusing on the provision of excellent treatment and care to paediatric oncology patients, no matter where they live in Europe, ExPO-r-Net will be another major milestone for SIOPE, who strives to bring together all the different aspects related to paediatric oncology and build joint solutions to ensure a better future for young people with cancer.



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European Reference Networks presented in Brussels

A Conference on European Reference Networks (ERNs) took place last 23rd June 2014 in Brussels. The conference aimed to discuss the organisation of specialised networks across the EU and examine the next steps of the deployment process, in preparation of the forthcoming call for European Reference Networks. The pilot project ExPO-r-Net, focusing on centres of expertise in paediatric cancers, represents our significant contribution to this European objective.



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■ Latest News from ENCCA



ENCCA makes fast progress

Early this year all partners of ENCCA, the European Network for Research on Cancer in Children and Adolescents, met in beautiful Vienna to assess the results and progress of the work performed within their respective work packages. Needless to say, this project revealed over time to be a valuable undertaking, that effectively managed to coordinate an integrated structure for childhood cancers' research involving the best available excellence centres in Europe.



'You are not alone!'

A Patients/Families Forum for liver tumours in children

A new online forum for patients and families has been created by the SIOPEL group. It aims to offer high-quality supports to families who would like to have more information on the two most common liver tumours in children: haepatoblastoma and hepatocellular carcinomas. It is supervised by two moderators one of whom is a parent and another one is a survivor.



■ Latest News from PanCareSurFup



PanCareSurFup 2011-2016

A strong collaboration across Europe

PanCareSurFup is growing in scope and ambitions, and all partners are very engaged for the success of all project activities. Here in this section you can find a short report from the last PanCare & PanCareSurFup General Assembly, together with an invitation to the next General Assembly in Luzern (CH) and an update on the project's Bulletin. Have a nice reading!



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Swiss childhood cancer organizations team up to tackle common issues nationally

The project to create a "Childhood Cancer Network Switzerland" (CCNS, working title) started on May 1, 2014. It brings together parents' organizations, physicians, the Swiss Childhood Cancer Registry and research foundations. The network aims to address the concerns of children with cancer and survivors better on a national level. Until now, all the childhood cancer organizations have operated on a more local basis. Recent changes in legislation, e.g. in the field of clinical research, have indicated that the voices of childhood cancer patients and survivors will only be fully heard if they join forces.



Special Features

SIOPE-ENCCA Conference 'Joining Efforts for a Brighter Future for Children and Adolescents with Cancer - The European Roadmap to Horizon 2020'

The European paediatric oncology community, along with parents, patients and survivors, has defined its strategic plan to increase both the cure rate and the quality of cure over the next decade. These results will be shared with the wider paediatric oncology community at the not-to-be-missed SIOPE-ENCCA Conference 2014, which will take place next 18-19 September 2014 in Brussels, Belgium.



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See you at the SIOPE General Assembly in Toronto!

We would like to invite all SIOPE members to attend the annual General Assembly of SIOPE, which will take place during the SIOP Congress in Toronto. On this occasion we will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with SIOPE members, discussing objectives for the future and reporting on various developments that may have an impact on the European paediatric oncology community.



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SIOPE Courses and Workshops

EuroCan Platform Course on Translational Cancer Research

We are pleased to announce the 2nd Translational Cancer Research Course organized by the EurocanPlatform in collaboration with ENCCA WP15 'Education and Training', E-Cancer, DKFZ German Cancer Consortium, ECCO and OECl that will take place on 20-24 October 2014 in Portugal.



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5th ESO-SIOPE Masterclass in paediatric oncology

SIOPE and ENCCA WP15 'Education and Training' supported the fifth edition of the ESO-SIOPE Masterclass in Paediatric Oncology, which took place in Ljubljana last 17-22 May 2014.



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Parents & Patients news

ICCCPO celebrates 20 years and the 5th ICCCP Europe meeting: together, we are strong

'Together we are strong' was the motto of the fifth ICCCP meeting of European member groups, which took place in Valencia (Spain) last 17-18 May 2014. The meeting started with the celebration of ICCCP's 20th anniversary. This weekend was a unique opportunity to meet parents, survivors and other dedicated people within the paediatric oncology community.



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SIOPE Highlights

Welcome Olga!

We warmly welcome our new colleague, Ms. Olga Kozhaeva, who just started to work with us as the new SIOPE Public Affairs and Communications Coordinator. Olga's role is to provide active support to SIOPE in keeping paediatric cancer research, treatment and care at the top of the European agenda.



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Upcoming events

COMHERE NETWORK MEETING

4 September 2014, Brussels, Belgium

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EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM ON LATE COMPLICATIONS AFTER CHILDHOOD CANCER 2014

15-16 September 2014, Edinburgh, Scotland

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ENCCA-SIOPE CONFERENCE: CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH CANCER: THE EUROPEAN ROADMAP TO HORIZON 2020

18-19 September 2014, Brussels, Belgium

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ESMO CONGRESS (INCLUDING A JOINT ESMO-SIOPE EDUCATION PROGRAMME)

26-30 September 2014, Madrid, Spain

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TYAC'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE 'WORKING TOGETHER'

30 September 2014, Leicester, UK

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JOINT EFGCP-DIA-EMA BETTER MEDICINES FOR CHILDREN CONFERENCE 2014

30 September-1 October 2014, London, UK

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EXPO-R-NET PARTNERS' MEETING

2-3 October, Valencia, Spain

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14TH PANCARE MEETING & PANCARESURFUP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

7-10 October 2014, Luzern, Switzerland

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EUROCANCER PLATFORM, 2ND ADVANCED LECTURE COURSE ON TRANSLATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH

20-25 October, 2014, Falesia, Algarve, Portugal

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SIOPE CONGRESS 2014

22-25 October 2014, Toronto, Canada

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SIOPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

23 October 2014, Toronto, Canada

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ECRC MEETING

23 October 2014, Toronto, Canada

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24 October 2014, Toronto, Canada

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PANCARESURFUP MEETING

24 October 2014, Toronto, Canada

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ORPHAN DRUG CONGRESS EUROPE 2014

12-14 November 2014, Brussels, Belgium

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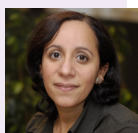


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