



Message from the President and the Office



What a full year for SIOPE! In just one year our Society has known more important developments than ever before: 2014 has been the year of our successful Electoral Manifesto, of the final adoption of the Clinical Trials Regulation and, last but not least, of the SIOPE-ENCCA Conference, the unique outstanding event where all the community expressed its full endorsement of the SIOPE strategic plan for the next decade. These are just a few of the many 'hot news' featuring this edition, and we wish for 2015 to bring even better improvements for young people with cancer.

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Introducing the College of European Commissioners 2014 – 2019

On 1st November 2014, 28 newly designated EU Commissioners officially took their posts. They replace the European Commission leadership of the previous 2009 - 2014 cabinet. With an innovative governance structure and different officials in charge of Health and Research, the changes are highly relevant for advancing the SIOPE agenda during the 2014 - 2019 European Commission term.



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SAVE THE DATE: 3rd February 2015 International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day



Every year SIOPE marks the important date of **International Childhood Cancer Day** (15th February) by organising an influential event at the European Parliament. This year's event aims to raise awareness on the challenges faced by children and adolescents with cancer and those who take care of them, and to advocate better health and research legislation from European policy-makers in light of the most recent regulatory developments, such as the Data Protection Regulation.

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day (ICCD 2015)

3rd February 2015, 10:30 – 12:30

European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium

International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day

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■ Latest News from ExPO-r-Net

2nd ExPO-r-Net Executive Committee Meeting & Launch of ExPO-r-Net Website

A lot of exciting developments for ExPO-r-Net! In September 2014 the ExPO-r-Net webpage was launched providing key information about the project (www.expornet.eu) and last October project partners met for the second time to exchange achievements and elaborate together the forthcoming steps.

2nd ExPO-r-Net Executive Committee Meeting
2-3 October 2014, Valencia, Spain



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ExPO-r-Net General Assembly at SIOPE Congress, 24th October 2014, Toronto, Canada

ExPO-r-Net was introduced to a wider audience in Toronto, on the occasion of the SIOPE Congress. There has also been an update on the current project status and European Clinical Research Council (ECRC) members were invited to become collaborative partners of the project.



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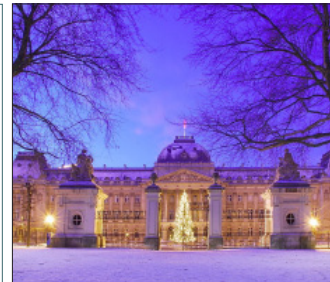
■ Latest News from ENCCA



ENCCA kicks off the new year in Brussels

All partners of the ENCCA project will meet in Brussels next 15-16 January 2015 for the joint ENCCA General Assembly and ECRC meeting. During this not-to-be-missed event, they will inform each other about the overall state of advancement of the project and the latest discoveries achieved by all ENCCA work packages.

ENCCA General Assembly & ECRC meeting
15-16 January 2015, Brussels, Belgium



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ENCCA showcased worldwide in Toronto

This year, several ENCCA abstracts have been presented to experts from all over the world during the SIOPE Congress (22 - 25 October 2014, Toronto, Canada). This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the most exciting ENCCA developments to a large audience of scientific experts and researchers in paediatric oncology from all over the world.

46th Congress of the International Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE)
22 -25 October 2014, Toronto, Canada



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■ Latest News from PanCareSurFup



Report from the General Assembly of PanCareSurFup

The second PanCareSurFup (PCSF) General Assembly in 2014 took place last 7-8 October in Lucerne, Switzerland, and very important updates on the state of advancement of the project were presented on this occasion.

PanCareSurFup (PCSF) General Assembly
7-8 October 2014, Lucerne, Switzerland



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Our Community Profiled



From Bedside-to-Bench-to-Bedside: A journey from paediatric oncology nursing into basic research

Every issue of the SIOPE Newsletter profiles a different actor within our multi-professional and pan-European community. This time we decided to illustrate the value of multidisciplinary by giving the floor to a very special collaborator of our Society: Sara Colomer Lahiguera, a nurse who decided to become a researcher in childhood leukaemia.



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European Clinical Trial Groups showcased on the SIOPE website

SIOPE recently revamped its website to have a more user-friendly appearance with pictures slideshows, videos and direct links to social media. Last year all SIOPE member countries were visibly showcased via an interactive map on the homepage. This year, we offer European Clinical Trial Groups the possibility to have a dedicated webpage and/or some visibility on the SIOPE website. The first group to accept this opportunity has been the SIOPE Brain Tumour group.



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Special Features

Long Term Sustainable Strategic Plan: the wider SIOPE community commits to it!

Last 18-19 September, some 160 international experts joined forces and took part in a crucial undertaking: implementing the SIOPE Strategic Plan for more and better cure for children and adolescents with cancer. This has been possible during the SIOPE-ENCCA Conference 2014: this short report from the event will explain you how it has been possible to achieve this milestone for the treatment of childhood cancer.

SIOPE-ENCCA Conference

'Joining Efforts for 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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SIOPE goes international: 2014 General Assembly

The annual SIOPE General Assembly took place in Canada last October on the occasion of the 46th Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP). Several important updates and information have been shared and discussed with the attending SIOPE members, including the outcome of the key SIOPE-ENCCA Conference 2014 'Joining Efforts for a Brighter Future for Children and Adolescents with Cancer – The European Roadmap to Horizon 2020' and the recently started ExPO-r-Net project.

46th Congress of the International Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)
22-25 October 2014, Toronto, Canada



46th Congress of the
International Society of
Paediatric Oncology

October 22-25, 2014 - Toronto, Canada



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CDDF-SIOPE Paediatric Oncology Conference: uniting forces for better medicines

The CDDF (Cancer Drug Development Forum) is organising in partnership with SIOPE, ENCCA and ITCC the 2015 edition of the Paediatric Oncology Conference 'Prioritisation in Paediatric Oncology Drug Development'. This is the third meeting of an ongoing series of biennial conferences aiming at promoting progress in increasing and speeding up access to innovative therapies through input from regulatory bodies, academia, the pharmaceutical industry, parents and policymakers.

CDDF-SIOPE-ENCCA-ITCC 2015 Paediatric Oncology Conference
5-6 February 2015, Vienna, Austria



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Our answer to the EMA consultation on the paediatric therapeutic needs' inventory

The Paediatric Committee at the European Medicines Agency (EMA PDCO) is working to establish an inventory to identify the needs and achieve better research and development of medicinal products for children in different therapeutic areas. Last November SIOPE, by contributing to the EMA public consultation in the area of paediatric oncology officially voiced the strong opinion of the whole European community.



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SIOPE Courses and Workshops

SIOPE scholarships for Flims 17: a once-in-a-lifetime experience for young professionals!

Flims is a prestigious workshop for the next generation of leading clinical scientists. Registrations to Flims 17 opened on 12th December 2014, but you only have time until 9th February 2015 to submit your application to this workshop. Do not miss this opportunity to apply for a SIOPE scholarship, attending this unique workshop can change your life!

[ECCO-AACR-EORTC-ESMO Workshop on 'Methods in Clinical Cancer Research'](#)
20-26 June 2015, Flims, Switzerland



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SIOPE members, register now and save money: European Cancer Congress 2015

We invite all members to register now to the next European Cancer Congress, and benefit from exclusive discounts as SIOPE members. The European Cancer Congress is the primary platform for making SIOPE's multidisciplinary vision of oncology a reality through the provision of leadership in ground-breaking scientific data and excellence in clinical practice.

[European Cancer Congress \(ECC2015\)](#)
25-29 September 2015, Vienna, Austria



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Outcome of the EurocanPlatform Course on Translational Cancer Research

78 participants from different countries attended the second Translational Cancer Research Course, organized by EurocanPlatform in collaboration with ENCCA WP 15 'Education and Training', eCancer, DTKK German Cancer Consortium, ECCO and OECl, which took place last 20-24 October 2014 in Portugal.



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Parents & Patients news

Second Regional Convention of childhood cancer survivors from former Yugoslavia countries

As a consequence of the need to connect survivors across countries and of the success of last year's convention, 53 young cancer survivors from all former Yugoslavian countries could attend the second regional convention of childhood cancer survivors in Belgrade (Serbia) last 20th-24th August 2014.



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Survivors' group meeting in Vienna

More than 25 participants from Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania and Slovakia came to Vienna to attend the 'Survivors group meeting' organized by the Austrian Survivors group and Österreichische Kinder-Krebs-Hilfe (Austrian Childhood Cancer Parents Organisation) last 22nd November 2014.



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New SIOPE Board members' profiles

At the beginning of 2014, SIOPE launched a call for nominations to all SIOPE members wishing to join its Board. Through a representative and proportional procedure, National Paediatric Haemato-Oncology Societies have been asked to select delegates to vote for 2 out of 9 outstanding candidates that applied from all over Europe. The voting process ended last autumn, and the two newly elected Board members have been presented to the whole community at the last SIOPE General Assembly.



SIOPE Highlights

Upcoming events

ENCCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

15-16 January 2015, Brussels, Belgium

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CDDF-SIOPE-ENCCA-ITCC 3RD PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY CONFERENCE

5-6 February 2015, Vienna, Austria

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INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY EVENT AT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

3rd February 2015, Brussels, Belgium

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RARE DISEASE DAY

28th February 2015

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BIANNUAL EXPO-R-NET PROJECT MEETING

6 March 2015, Padova, Italy

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5TH SYMPOSIUM OF LATE EFFECTS AFTER TUMOUR THERAPY IN CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

14-15 March 2015, Hannover, Germany

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6TH CCI (FORMERLY ICCPO) EUROPE REGIONAL MEETING

8 - 10 May 2015, Malmö, Sweden

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EUROPAEDIATRICS

13-16 May 2015, Florence, Italy

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PANCARE AND PANCARESUFUP MEETING

26-29 May 2015, Dublin, Ireland

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FLIMS WORKSHOP ON 'METHODS IN CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH

20-26 June 2015, Flims, Switzerland

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PANCARE AND PANCARESUFUP MEETING

23-25 September 2015, Vienna, Austria

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EUROPEAN CANCER CONGRESS

25-29 September 2015, Vienna, Austria

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SIOP INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

8-11 October 2015, Cape Town, South Africa

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ENCCA CLOSING CONFERENCE

17-18 December 2015, Brussels, Belgium

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PANCARESUFUP CLOSING CONFERENCE

May 2016, Brussels, Belgium

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