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Dear SIOOPEN members,

We are happy to provide you with the 4th SIOOPEN Flash news of the last EC conference call of October 23rd 2020 and AGM the same day. Key points:

- Summary of SIOOPEN AGM 2020 and General assembly
- Last EC meeting
 - Relapse strategy discussions
 - Financial and innovative project group
 - Restructuring of specialty committees
 - Core statistician group
 - Pilot study
 - Platform for patient discussion
 - SIOOPEN spring meeting
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Best wishes, Maja Beck Popovic, SIOOPEN President



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Summary of SIOOPEN AGM and general assembly

The SIOOPEN annual AGM took place as a web-meeting on October 22nd and 23rd, 2020.

- The first day 185 viewers participated and the 2nd day 161; a certificate of attendance will be provided.
- Statutes: the following modifications were accepted : position for 2 vice-presidents; possibility to prolong the treasurer function up to 4 years, if the position has been appointed at mid-term
- Following changes of EC members have been validated:
 - Sabine Sarnacki as new representative of France and Loredana Amoroso of Italy
 - Vassilios Papadakis was elected and validated as the new representative of less recruiting countries
- The 3 special mission representatives (Holger Lode, Gudrun Schleiermacher, Lucas Moreno) were re-validated for one year.
- Changes in specialty committees:
 - Catia Olianti as chair ad interim of the Nuclear medicine and physics specialty committee
 - Annemieke Littooi as new chair of radiology specialty committee;
 - Cormac Owens as new chair of NDD/ITCC specialty committee.





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- **Relapse strategy discussions:** After several calls, consensus achieved on the strategy to be proposed for first relapse, presented by Angelika Eggert in the AGM afternoon session of October 22nd. The three-arm consolidation protocol will be presented to the EC for approval by Q2 2021. In Q3, the trial set-up is planned to start with centers who show interest in participation.
- **A Financial and innovative project group** will be created to help plan future over the coming years, to prioritize and organize financial support to projects, and to include more systematically young investigators. The plan is to have at least one young investigator per project and in each overreaching structure. The idea to hire people who could help in writing of projects (for example CRFs, administrative documents etc) is well received and will be explored.
- **Restructuring of specialty committees** already collaborating and sharing transversal information and projects is in discussion. The idea is to have an overreaching structure to coordinate all translational activities. This could help to avoid the increase in the number of committees and exploit better what is in common. A proposal was presented during the AGM.



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- **Core statistician group:** the complexity of current and planned projects needs statisticians dedicated to SIOOPEN projects. It is planned to discuss with statisticians involved in current projects how to structure this activity in order to cover the scientific requirements in the best possible way.
- **Pilot study** with dinutuximab beta sponsored by EUSA is temporarily on hold for some regulatory issues.
- The need for a **platform for patient discussion** (difficult and special cases) will be explored and willingness of people to participate on a regular basis.
- **SIOOPEN spring meeting:** not yet cancelled (April 28th-30th 2021), and form not defined yet.

The annual AGM in autumn is planned for October 6-8th, 2021 in Barcelona, face to face.



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General communication

➤ The links for the video record of the two half-day presentations of the SIOOPEN AGM 2020 web-meeting are available on the SIOOPEN website

➤ Information on SURPASS is available at <https://siope.eu/activities/joint-projects/survivorship-passport/>

The publication on this topic, called *The 'Survivorship Passport' for childhood cancer survivors* is available at

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959804918309651>

➤ The young investigator email address is mentorship@inrgdb.org



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