

## JOINING SIOPE ...

### A step closer to a brighter future for young people with cancer

#### 1. Be part of a Europe-wide network

Our members are the reason and motivation behind all SIOPE's activities, in a common endeavour to create a brighter future for all children with cancer.

We are very pleased to inform you that many paediatric oncology professionals joined our Society this year, and today we can already count more than **1,600 SIOPE members, representing 34 European countries**. It is thanks to your essential support if SIOPE has been able to remarkably progress in defending the rights of young people with cancer in Europe.

This year SIOPE has made a major step forward: the successful launch of the consensus-based '[European Cancer Plan for Children and Adolescents](#)' for the next decade.

We would like to count on your important contribution to implement its objectives for the next decade, together with several stakeholders from the wider paediatric cancer community who already committed to it. [By joining SIOPE](#), you you can take part in this common endeavour with your innovative ideas, projects and initiatives as part of an impressive multidisciplinary network.

SIOPE was established to make your work easier: all SIOPE members can attend the [European Cancer Congress](#) and other scientific congresses at a **reduced rate**, take part in European collaborations, attend the many interesting SIOPE [events](#) and [initiatives](#), and receive our regular updates through several communication channels ([website](#), [quarterly Newsletter](#), [YouTube channel](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and monthly 'E-Blasts').

SIOPE is member of several organisations:

- [ECCO](#), the European CanCer Organisation
- [SIOPE](#), the International Society for Paediatric Oncology - European Branch
- [EURORDIS](#), the Council of European Rare Disease Federations
- [EFGCP](#), the European Forum for Good Clinical Practice
- [Rare Cancers Europe](#)

Among the several collaborations and partnerships, SIOPE has built very close ties with parent and patient advocates through the [PPAC](#) (Parent Patient Advocacy Committee), the [ECCO Patient Advisory Committee](#) and the Europe Regional Committee of [Childhood Cancer International - CCI](#).

We also take part in several important EU projects and initiatives:

- [JARC](#), Joint Action on Rare Cancers;
- [ENCCA](#), the European Network for Cancer Research in Children and Adolescents;
- [EXPO-r-NeT](#), the European Expert Paediatric Oncology Reference Network for Diagnostics and Treatment;
- [PanCareSurfUp](#), PanCare Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Survivor Care and Follow-Up Studies;
- [EPAAC](#), the European Partnership for Action Against Cancer.

#### 2. Be the first to receive paediatric oncology news

You will receive all the news you need to be updated in your discipline, including information on the several not-to-be-missed SIOPE events, educational opportunities, latest news, EU health policies and funding opportunities brought forward by our Society. We constantly keep informed our members, providing the latest 'hot news' in paediatric oncology through our innovative communication channels:

- [SIOPE website](#)
- [The quarterly SIOPE Newsletter](#)

- Social Media ([Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#))
- [SIOPE YouTube channel](#)
- Monthly “E-Blast” (e-mails) to members

### **3. Take advantage of reduced rates at conferences**

SIOPE always ensures that our members’ expertise is represented and taken into account in all important events and conferences from the wider oncology community. All the medical and scientific events we have promoted during the past year are excellent opportunities for you to establish synergies and cross-fertilisation of expertise with professionals from other sectors.

### **4. Closer collaborations with European experts**

SIOPE works to share the best practices currently existing in Europe, and to collaborate with SIOPE means to improve the current level of childhood cancer research and healthcare in Europe. As research in paediatric oncology is usually carried out at an international scale, a European approach is therefore necessary to develop new and more effective treatments.

As a member of SIOPE you will be part of a very active influential network, which will allow you to disseminate the results of your work to your European colleagues, to connect with your European colleagues from similar medical fields, and to share knowledge and views on key issues affecting the paediatric oncology community. You will also be able to look for partners for your current and future projects, as well as to establish collaborations with industry and other sectors.

### **5. Get actively involved at the European level**

Together with all the stakeholders from our field, SIOPE makes sure that the needs of paediatric oncology professionals are addressed by EU policy-makers. Thanks to the essential support of our members, SIOPE has already been able to make considerable progresses by improving fundamental pieces of legislation – that also have an impact on your daily profession – managing to be considered as the only reference point for everything related to paediatric oncology in Europe as well as a ‘natural partner’ in several important EU initiatives.

The implementation of the [‘European Cancer Plan for Children and Adolescents’](#) will be only achieved through key multidisciplinary collaborations with a common aim. By becoming a member of SIOPE, you will increase the influence of your national association and the overall ‘critical mass’ of the paediatric oncology community.

## SIOPE Membership Categories

With a multidisciplinary approach, SIOPE is the reference point for everything related to paediatric oncology in Europe.

- SIOPE members are individual stakeholders involved in paediatric oncology research, treatment, care and follow-up.
- SIOPE membership is based on European National Paediatric Haemato-Oncology Societies or groups ('NaPHOS'), who encourage their members to become members of SIOPE.
- In countries without NaPHOS, medical institutions/treatment centres specialised in paediatric cancer care can allow their paediatric oncology professionals to also become members of SIOPE<sup>1</sup>.

To ensure an open and continuously growing community, individual oncology professionals who are not members of a NaPHOS can also join SIOPE.

- **Full membership**

<b>Full membership</b>	<b>Members' rights</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All benefits</li> <li>• Voting rights</li> </ul>

- **Affiliate (only available for individual membership) & honorary membership**

No financial contribution but:

- No voting rights
- Fewer membership benefits

- **Practical arrangements SIOPE membership**

Please contact SIOPE ([office@siope.eu](mailto:office@siope.eu)) to receive the document "Payment Guidelines\_SIOPE Membership 2017".

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<sup>1</sup> With different conditions: please contact SIOPE ([office@siope.eu](mailto:office@siope.eu)) for more information