



IPSO Founding Members' Congress:
Charting the path forward for the global pediatric stroke community

Vienna, May 11-12, 2020

Congress Mission: To unify the global community of professionals engaged in research and clinical care for children with cerebrovascular diseases, and chart a path forward for multinational, multidisciplinary efforts.

We aim to have a highly interactive Congress, making the most of our time together as the Founding Members of IPSO. Over two days in Vienna, Congress attendees will have multiple opportunities to share opinions, network, present research and controversial clinical cases, join committees and working groups, and identify clinical and research collaborators. Congress attendees will provide input through open discussions as well as real-time, interactive electronic surveys. In advance of the Congress, the IPSO Working Group will draft the IPSO Charter and distribute it to Congress attendees to review. Attendees will be encouraged to submit scientific abstracts for oral or poster presentation, and cases for discussion at the Clinical Controversy Symposia. Products of the Congress will include the ratified IPSO Charter, a directory of IPSO Founding Members (optional inclusion of areas of interest and contact information), "top-ten" lists of research priorities and clinical needs, and Clinical Controversy Summaries that include key references and highlights of the discussion of pitfalls and best practices. These products will be electronically distributed to the full IPSO membership upon completion of the congress.

All are welcome to join the IPSO Working Group to provide input on the IPSO charter and organizational structure, and the Congress program.

Goals of the IPSO Founding Members' Congress:

1. To foster interactions between professionals with diverse interests in pediatric cerebrovascular disease and support multi-disciplinary, international research and clinical collaborations
2. To discuss and define IPSO goals and priorities and brainstorm about how IPSO can make an impact on pediatric cerebrovascular disease worldwide
3. To finalize and ratify the IPSO charter (drafted by the IPSO working group in advance of the Congress): membership, organizational structure, and policies including potential relationships with for-profit companies (pharma and device companies)
4. To clarify the relationship between the IPSO organizational structure and the non-profit organization incorporated in the U.S. to allow for charitable donations (tax-exempt in the U.S.), and discuss the advantages/disadvantages for additional incorporation in other countries

5. To determine how IPSO can best facilitate interactions between members: through face-to-face meetings (e.g., in-person conferences), electronic interactions, research collaborations, etc.
6. To raise awareness of on-going research efforts by inviting members to share their work with an emphasis on collaborative (multi-disciplinary or multicenter) studies
7. To address urgent, clinical controversies (to be selected by the IPSO working group), create a “safe space” for sharing and discussing poor clinical outcomes (that typically go unpublished), and discuss how IPSO can best address such controversies and support clinical decision making as an organization
8. To discuss how to best engage patients and families and address their priorities: education, advocacy, and interactions with patient/family organizations