



The Directive Council of IPLSOG met on February 8th at 15:00 by Zoom.

Attended: J.Tovar, M.Lima, H.Till, D.Patkowski, V.Briganti, M.Cimador, A.Papparella, V.Gentilino.

Justified non-attendants: B.Chertin, G.Mattioli

The agenda was discussed:

1. meetings carried out so far and possible improvements
2. membership
3. possibility of organizing meetings dedicated to particular surgical interventions.

President Tovar commented on his satisfaction for the success of the first two meetings, the considerable number of attendees and their attention until the end of the session. He pointed out that for the moment the group is indeed successful.

Vice-president Lima went over the different points of the agenda;

- 1) Lima explained to the council members the possible proposals for improving the quality of future meetings, recalled that the first edition in November 2022 (Hypospadias) had 130 preregistrations and 110 participants and that the second edition, January 2023 (Aganglionic megacolon) had 150 preregistrations and 130 participants. Tovar pointed out that perhaps the meetings should be further advertised in other platforms; Gentilino proposed to engage more young surgeons offering bibliographic reviews of the more recent literature; Till suggested that perhaps topics like robotics and artificial intelligence in surgery would be appealing.; Papparella pointed out that the activity of the group should be publicized on the social media and that some more attention should be paid to the physiopathology of the diseases addressed; Briganti advised that the duration of the sessions could be somewhat reduced and concurred on the interest of physiopathology and on the need for using the social media for disseminating the information of our activities; Cimador also agreed on the use of social media and suggested that the information should be displayed on the website. He also proposed that only 3 or 4 O.R. should be shown during the sessions in order to have more time of direct observation in each one of them; Patkowski would like to see surgery of some particular cases in addition to the programmed monographic subjects. Tovar proposed to insert our link on the websites of the international pediatric surgical associations. At the end of the discussion, Papparella was requested to organize the presence of the IPLSOG in the social media and Gentilino to be in charge of organizing the literature updates with some young people for the next meeting of March 23 (Anorectal Malformations).
- 2) Lima reported that the number of registered members is 81 as today and that we have 1.806,80€ after paying the registration of the group and the annual dues for the website.
- 3) Patkowski insisted on the convenience of implementing the diffusion of some particular operations in order to include non-scheduled surgery like neonatal, oncologic and other operations. This proposal was approved unanimously.

Before closing the meeting, Lima announced the preliminary program of the session on Ano-rectal Malformations on March the 22nd, with 3 operations scheduled so far, one presentation on the complications, a particular case report and two presentations by Marcela Bailez from Buenos Aires. This program will be posted in the mailing list for all the members of the group.

The council was adjourned at 16:00

President