

# SIOP-NEXT: Networking, Education, and eXcellence for Tomorrow

Theme of the day:

**"Building the Future of Pediatric Oncology Together"**

- Date: Monday October, 20
- Time: 08:00 – 18:30
- Location: SIOP Congress Venue RAI Amsterdam –  
Meeting room L103 & L104 (max capacity: 120-125 persons; removable wall in-between)  
Foyer next to L103&L104 is also available for a small group discussion/break out Catering will be served in the foyer

## Objectives of the event:

- Build an international community of early career translational scientists within the field of Pediatric Oncology
- Expand Networking Skills
- How to make strategically use of connections in pediatric oncology to grow professionally, build a community, and initiate valuable (interdisciplinary) collaborations
- Trigger interest and enthusiasm for building a novel pillar within SIOP for Early Career Translational Scientists

## Expected outcome:

- **Strengthened Professional Networks:** Participants will establish meaningful connections with their peers, fostering a collaborative international community of next generation pediatric oncology researchers. This will stimulate early-career collaborations but also cross-border exchange of motivated, highly skilled scientists, all required to educate and motivate young professionals to move the field of pediatric oncology further.
- **Collaboration Opportunities:** By engaging in discussions and workshops, the next generation scientists will explore potential collaborative projects and partnerships for future (international) research.
- **Soft Skills Enhancement:** Participants will gain practical skills in networking and career development, which are essential for long-term success in academia.
- **Increased Engagement with the SIOP Community:** The SIOP-NEXT pre-meeting will foster a sense of inclusion and belonging among next generation scientists, motivating them to engage more actively with the international pediatric oncology community at large.
- **Broaden scope SIOP:** By increasing interest and participation of translational/pre-clinical early career scientist in the field of pediatric oncology

Time	Session	
8.00 – 8.30	<b>Registration</b>	Coffee & Tea Breakfast/Cookies?
8.30 – 8.45	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction of pilot-event SIOP-NEXT</li> <li>• Introduction PDMáx</li> <li>• Overview of the day's agenda and objectives</li> </ul>
8.45 – 9.05	<b>Lightning Talk I:</b> 'Impact of strategic connections in Pediatric Oncology'  <i>Speaker: Rob Pieters</i> (PMC, Utrecht, the Netherlands)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspiring short talk of established scientist on his/her most impactful scientific project to set the stage of the day</li> <li>• Should be centralized on value of network and collaboration for building a scientific community and increasing impact with your research (could be related to topics as 'from bench to bedside', collaborating with patients/preclinical-clinical scientists, learning from failure)</li> <li>• Max 15 min talk, 5 min Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
9.05 – 10.40	<b>Networking Workshop part I:</b> 'Bridging Minds, Building Networks – Thriving Together Across Cultures and Disciplines'	<i>Strategic Networking Training</i> by Bliqsem
10.40 – 11.05	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Speed Connecting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas for short networking activity to stimulate interaction will be provided by Bliqsem (at end of part I)</li> </ul> Coffee & Tea Cookies/small snack
11.05 – 12.35	<b>Networking Workshop part II:</b> 'Talk the Talk Across Fields – Communicating and Connecting Beyond Your Discipline'	<i>Strategic Networking Training</i> by Bliqsem
12.35 – 13.40	Lunch	Buffet
13.40 – 14.40	<b>Panel discussion:</b> <b>'Who you know, What you know'</b> <i>Balancing Networks, Collaborations and Independence for Career Success</i>  <b>Panel members:</b> - Jeffrey Dome (Children's National Hospital, Washington, DC, USA) - René Medema (PMC/Oncode, Utrecht, the Netherlands) - Sabine Mueller (UCSF, CA, USA) - Suzanne Turner (U of Cambridge, UK)  <b>Moderator:</b> Hanneke van Santen (WKZ/PMC, Utrecht, the Netherlands)	Building a successful research career requires more than great science alone. This interactive panel explores how meaningful connections and collaborations across academia and industry can open doors, while also raising questions about independence, transparency, and identity as a junior scientist.  Join the discussion on finding the right balance between networking, collaboration, and carving out your own scientific path.
14:40 – 15.00	<b>Lighting talk II:</b> 'Impact of strategic connection with the industry'  <i>Speaker: Sara Cohen Gogo</i> (SickKids Hospital, Toronto, Canada)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspiring short talk of established scientist on his/her most impactful scientific project to set the stage of the day</li> <li>• Should be centralized on value of network and collaboration for building a scientific community and increasing impact with your research (could be related to topics as 'from bench to bedside', collaborating with patients/preclinical-clinical scientists, learning from failure)</li> <li>• Max 15 min talk, 5 min Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
15.00 – 15.30	Snack & Mingle	Coffee & Tea Fruits
15.30 – 16.15	<b>Open Discussion:</b> <b>Struggles and Challenges of the early career scientist</b> <b>'What Matters to Us?'</b>	Thematic discussion to discuss career-stage relevant topics, e.g. start off with Mentimeter ( <i>also based on questionnaire responses?</i> )  <b>Topics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining struggles and challenges for early-career scientists in pediatric oncology</li> <li>• What initiatives would be valuable to initiate?</li> <li>• What topics/discussions are missing for early-career scientists in the current SIOP2025 program?</li> <li>• How to initiate and stimulate collaboration beyond borders as well as between pre-clinic and clinic?</li> <li>• Evaluate interest among participants to build a stronger community, e.g., by formation of an official SIOP body for Early-Career Translational Scientists in Pediatric Oncology</li> </ul>
16.15 – 17.15	<b>Inspirational Speaker</b> <b>'From Individuals to Synergy'</b>  <i>By Jeanette Welp</i>	Networking, building a community, teamwork for increased impact

17.15 – 17.30	<b>Closure</b>
17.30 – 18.30	<b>Networking reception</b>
18.30	Opening ceremony SIOP 2025

