



3 November 2005

Re: 2006 International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) Membership

Dear Colleague:

What an exciting year 2005 has been for IPOS! We have been working diligently and successfully towards our goal to ascertain NGO status with the World Health Organization. IPOS has already had significant influence in revising global cancer control programs supported by the WHO to include attention to psychosocial aspects of cancer care. IPOS, with the generous financial support of the European School of Oncology (ESO), has launched an online multilingual Core Curriculum of Psycho-Oncology, featuring five webcasts translated into six different languages. These webcasts are available for free on the IPOS website, www.ipos-society.org. Plans for the IPOS 2006 Psychosocial Academy and 8th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology are well under way, and the Organizing Committee has designed an excellent program for October 2006 in Venice, Italy. Please visit the Congress website, www.ipos2006.it, for more details. IPOS has had a very successful year, thanks in large part to the active support of its membership. In the coming months, IPOS will be working to further distribute educational materials on CD-ROM and hopes to finalize a plan for the creation of the Psycho-Oncology Press for the publication of psychosocial oncology related online, printed and CD-based materials. I hope that, given the great value of IPOS's activities to the global psychosocial oncology community, you will be pleased to continue your involvement in such important work.

You will soon receive in the mail an invoice for your 2006 IPOS Membership Renewal. You will note that the dues price structure has changed for 2006. In an effort to develop further-reaching impact in countries with fewer resources, IPOS is offering a reduced membership fee to those individuals living in countries that are not high-income or OECD countries as defined by the World Bank Standard. Those living in countries that are categorized by the World Bank as high-income or OECD countries are asked to make an increased dues payment over 2005, to help support and further the goals of IPOS in the global psycho-oncology community, and to expand the benefits of membership.

Please return the renewal form to IPOS Headquarters as soon as possible, but no later than **Saturday, 31 December 2005** at the fax number or address indicated on the invoice. With payment of your 2006 dues, you will continue to receive all membership benefits, including:

- IPOS Members-Only website access, including access to and listing in the online membership directory;
- IPOS Listserv access;
- IPOS membership certificate;
- IPOS Member Update e-mails;

- Opportunity to subscribe to three journals, *Psycho-Oncology* (Wiley), *Palliative and Supportive Care* (Cambridge) and *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology* (Haworth), at reduced IPOS-member rates; and
- Reduced registration rates for the IPOS 2006 Psychosocial Academy and 8th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, scheduled to take place 16-21 October 2006 in Ferrara and Venice, Italy.

Full IPOS members also will be eligible to vote in the 2006 election of IPOS Board. If you are an Associate member who qualifies for Active membership, please reclassify your membership status now so you can vote in this year's elections. Please contact IPOS Headquarters for more information on reclassification.

Thank you for your continued support of IPOS. The future success of IPOS depends on your continued involvement in IPOS activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christoffer Johansen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christoffer Johansen, MD, PhD
President