FEDERATION COMMITTEE

Chair (s): Dr. Thomas Hack (Canada) & Dr. Jane Turner (Australia)

Committee mandate: The objective of the IPOS Federation Committee is to represent psycho-oncology, world-wide, speaking compellingly in a unified voice the message that all cancer patients and their families throughout the world should receive optimal psychosocial care at all stages of disease and survivorship.

Key accomplishments since December 31, 2022:

1. Offered the service of the IPOS President to deliver opening remarks at the annual conferences of the IPOS Federation national societies.
2. Updated the IPOS Federation webpage for accuracy in its listing of national societies and the contact information for each society.
3. Encouraged Federation members to keep IPOS informed of any local webinars/conferences that we can then share with our contacts, encouraging non-English offerings especially.

Two key initiatives underway for 2023:

1. Implementing networks in several parts of the world (based on geographical proximity or language) in order to disseminate activities and help other countries develop psychosocial oncology societies (especially in lower- and middle-income countries).
2. Inviting Federation members to present IPOS webinars in their home language.

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