

Dear Colleagues,

The International Pediatric Stroke Organization (IPSO) is an independent non-profit organization (501c3) of health professionals and scientists worldwide with an interest in pediatric stroke and cerebrovascular disease. Its annual conferences, with both scientific sessions and clinical symposiums, will provide opportunities for multi-disciplinary interactions and collaborations. IPSO members will tackle important research questions, share clinical best practices, and collaborate on projects aimed at awareness, education, and advocacy.

Some bullet points are below, and more detailed information can be found on the IPSO website: <https://internationalpediaticstroke.org/>. There is also a place on the website to sign up for more information about IPSO, or to join the IPSO Working Group.

- **IPSO mission:** To improve the lives of children across the globe with stroke or at risk for stroke through research, education, and advocacy.
- **IPSO Working Group:** We are now forming the IPSO Working Group to develop the organizational structure and charter, and set up IPSO committees. Please go to the IPSO website to volunteer for this **working group**, and to see who has already signed up.
- **International Pediatric Stroke Study (IPSS) and IPSO:** The IPSS network, which has been collaborating on pediatric stroke research since 2003, will continue as the IPSO Data and Imaging Core. IPSO will be a larger umbrella organization, and people can join IPSO with or without participating in IPSS research studies.
- **IPSO Membership Drive:** The IPSO membership drive will begin in the fall of this year. Stay tuned for more information!
- **IPSO Founding Members Congress:** With generous start-up funds from the Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation (PERF), we will host the IPSO Founding Members Congress in **Vienna in May, 2020** (approximate dates, May 10-12, 2020). At that 2-day Congress, we will ratify the IPSO charter, drafted by the IPSO Working Group, and hold our first conference of scientific and clinical sessions fully dedicated to pediatric cerebrovascular disease.
- **Help spread the word:** IPSO aims to bring together **all disciplines** with an interest in pediatric cerebrovascular disease. Please spread the word about IPSO to your colleagues: neurologists, hematologists, interventional and diagnostic neuroradiologists, pediatric and vascular neurosurgeons, intensivists, physiatrists, radiation oncologists, psychologists, rehabilitation therapists, nurses, and scientists. **All are welcome to join IPSO!**

Please forward this letter to anyone else who you think might be interested in this new organization. IPSO will have numerous leadership opportunities and wants to invite everyone to get involved and help shape the future of the field of pediatric cerebrovascular disease.

Let us know if you have any questions! You can also reach the IPSO administrative team directly through this email: membership@internationalpediaticstroke.org.

Thank you!