



# PAEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMOUR WORKSHOP

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2017

Wolfson Pavilion, UCT Faculty of Health Sciences, Anzio Road, Observatory, Cape Town

**EARLY REGISTRATION FEES:** R1200  
(before 19 September 2017)

**LATE REGISTRATION FEES:** R1450  
(from 20 September 2017)

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM.

The theme of this meeting is **Teamwork: The Key to Clinical Excellence in Paediatric Neuro-Oncology.**

Our key note speaker, **François Doz**, is professor of Paediatrics at the University Paris Descartes. He is a paediatric oncologist, and deputy director for research and training in the paediatric, adolescents and young adults' oncology integrated center at the Curie Institute. He obtained his MD, paediatric specialty and master's degree in pharmacology in Paris. He then spent two years as a research fellow in the Brain Tumour Research Center, University of California, San Francisco. His main research interests are Paediatric Neuro-oncology (especially medulloblastoma), Retinoblastoma, Early Drug Development and Ethics of Clinical Research. He is past-chair of the SIOP scientific committee, member of the SIOPE Board, past- chair of the SIOP-Europe Brain Tumour Group (2006-2010), and of its Medulloblastoma/PNET working group (2013-2016), member of the clinical trial committee and of the executive committee of the ITCC consortium (Innovative Treatment for Children with Cancer) (<http://www.itcc-consortium.org/>) and current co-chair of the European Retinoblastoma Group. We are privileged to host him at PBTW 2017.

This year we will focus on the teamwork in the clinical context and once again emphasize the importance of joint decision-making. Komala Pillay will deliver this year's neuropathology talk as a tribute to Richard Hewlett, Tony Figaji will share some neurosurgical reflections on how to avoid the VP-Shunt and Tracy Kilborn will be updating us on medulloblastoma imaging after a sabbatical at Sick Kids in Toronto. We are pleased to announce that Rolene Wagner, CEO of Frere Hospital in East London, and 2016 government sector businesswoman of the year has agreed to talk about managing human assets and building teams, and that Raj Ramesar, head of genetics at UCT, has accepted an invitation to talk about mismatch repair deficiency syndrome and the role of genetics in the brain tumour clinic. There will be a report back from SIOP and talks on late effects, palliative care, endocrinology, and neuro-psychology. We hope to encourage participation by Radiation Oncologists, Oncologists, Surgeons, Radiation Oncologists, Radiologists, Pathologists and Allied Health Professionals from all over South Africa and the African sub-continent.

### ABSTRACTS.

We need our participants to help make the meeting a success. We would like to encourage submission of abstracts in the form of brief clinical vignettes about any aspect of brain tumours. The abstracts should be limited to 300 words and should be organised under the following headings: [1] Clinical Data [2] Imaging [3] Pathology [4] Clinical Course. This should be followed a *brief* discussion of a particular aspect of the case. Time will be allocated for comments and discussion after each session.

We will try to secure limited travel sponsorship to support physicians whose cases are selected. Final deadline for the receipt of abstracts is the 1 September 2017.

## HOW DO I REGISTER OR MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES?

1. Register via our PBTW link on <http://btw.brainchild.org.za/> (Click on the link)
2. E-mail Debbie Rorich at [debbie@eventmanagementsolutions.co.za](mailto:debbie@eventmanagementsolutions.co.za)

We look forward to seeing you in November 2017.

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