

## Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sapporo Conference for Palliative and Supportive Care in Cancer (SCPSC)

A board meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> SCPSC was held on Friday, August 9, 2019 at the Park Hotel in Sapporo. The following proposals were resolved under the chairmanship of Dr. Takeshi Terui, Chairman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SCPSC.

### 1. Introduction of new board members and change of board members

Dr. Kunihiko Ishitani, Chairman of the Board of Directors, introduced three new directors (Dr. Akira Inoue, Tohoku University Graduate School; Dr. Hirobumi Takenouchi, Shizuoka University; and Dr. Yoshinori Hiroi, Kyoto University) and a proposal to change 1 board member was made and approved (Retiring board member: Dr. Takayuki Machino, Higashi Sapporo Hospital; Newly appointed board member: Dr. Toshiro Kusakabe, Higashi Sapporo Hospital).

### 2. The 3rd SCPSC

\* Dr. Takeshi Terui explained the main point of the program and the change of the 4th presenter for the first plenary session (New presenter: Dr. Jack Fu, MD Anderson Cancer Center).

\* The Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Toshiro Kusakabe, explained the current progress and approved the budget.

\* The application guidelines for general presentations were discussed, and it was decided to allow applications for two sessions, a Japanese-language session and an English-language session.

\* Dr. Shigehira Saji expressed his opinion that it would be appropriate for the abstract submission period to be closed about 6 months prior to the event, and it was agreed that the Executive Committee would consider the number of applications and the time required for translation work.

\* Dr. Akira Inoue proposed whether the presentations should be limited to those previously unpublished, and it was decided to respond in a flexible manner regarding this.

### 3. Proposals for the 4th SCPSC in 2023

Dr. Satoshi Miyake, Chairman of the 4th SCPSC, proposed two main themes: (1) Biological palliative care, (2) Euthanasia and palliative care, which were approved.

### 4. Election of the Chairman for the 5th SCPSC in 2026

On the recommendation of Dr. Kunihiko Ishitani, board member, Dr. Masayoshi Kobune, was elected Chairman of the 5th SCPSC.

5. Vice-chairman, Dr. Hideki Onishi, stated in his closing remarks that he would pray once more for the success of the 3rd SCPSC.