The First Argentinean International Course “The Latest Advances in Oral Complications in Cancer Patients. What Every Dentist Should Know About Supportive Care for Cancer Chemotherapy Patients” took place in Buenos Aires – Argentina in November 2nd, 2007. It was planned as a satellite educational activity of the 34th International Conference of the Argentine Odontological Association (November 1-3, 2007), and was organized by the Argentinean Oral Supportive Care in Cancer Study Group and the Sectional of Oral Medicine Oral Oncology from the Argentinean Odontological Association under the auspices of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer and International Society of Oral Oncology (MASCC/ISOO).

The goal of this International Course, was to start professional education on Oral Supportive Care in Cancer in Argentina. The major subject of this course pointed to the need for academic institutions, scientific societies and health care organizations to join knowledge and expertise to improve assistance in the cancer patient’s oral care in this country.

The primary learning objectives were: 1) To transmit to the audience the role of the Supportive Oral Care team as part of the multidisciplinary teamwork in early diagnosis, prevention and treatment of the oncology therapy complications, 2) To improve knowledge about acute and chronic long term oral complications of cancer therapy, 3) To recommend supportive care evidence-based measures for the prevention and management of oral complications due to cancer therapy.

This scientific session consisted in 5-hours course divided in two sessions. According to the Course Objectives, the lectures covered clinical research and clinical care pointing out the role of the Oral Care in Supportive Care in Cancer multidisciplinary teamwork. To this purpose, Drs Mark Schubert and Cesar Migliorati, on behalf of MASCC/ISOO, presented their lectures providing the latest information on the optimization of prevention and management therapies for oral complications of intensive cancer therapy and osteonecrosis-associated bisphosphonate of the jaws respectively.

A total of 178 professionals participated in this first course, including oral medicine specialists, general dentists with interest in oral oncology, and nurses and physicians in training for supportive care in cancer. Figure 1 shows the professional attendance distribution of the course. Countries represented were Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and United States of America.

Efforts were made to provide participants with high quality conferences information. In this regard, we are pleased to make it known that announcements about the 21st International MASCC/ISOO Symposium in Houston, Texas were made in this session.

**Conclusion and acknowledgments**

In the opinion of the organizing committee, the educational outcomes accomplished at this meeting have encouraged us to continue with endeavors to organize similar educational activities in the future. The meeting participants expressed their enthusiasm and desire to take part and be more actively involved with future meetings – it was obvious that the length of the meeting could be increased as well as adding sessions which allow more audience participation involvement with experts including poster programs to present and discuss study results by individual and institutional research efforts from across South America, and thus, enhance the exchange of information.

This experience contributed to a better understanding of the appeal for organizational and communication strategies that promote professional education in this specific supportive care in cancer field in Argentina.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we would like to specially thank to the Executive Director of MASCC, Cindy Rittenberg for all the help and support in the achievement of this first course; to Dr Schubert and Dr Migliorati who were willing to donate their time and experience to this event; to participants and international sponsors.

**Figure 1 Professional Attendance Distribution of the Oral Supportive Care in Cancer International Course**