Welcome to the May edition of the MASCC Society News

Message from Editors Anna Ugalde and Anna Boltong

With the MASCC Annual Meeting in Miami just around the corner (June 26-28, 2014), we look forward to bringing you stories from award winners, outstanding presentations and all the meeting-related news over the coming editions. In this edition, we are pleased to present a new book edited by a MASCC member Mario E. Lacouture, and include an overview of the content and details on how to order. MASCC has recently also created a new category of membership which we profile in this newsletter, allowing members who are retired (aged 65 or greater) to receive discounted membership. There are also three new members, numerous publications by MASCC members and details of how to apply to host the 2017 MASCC symposium. If you have any MASCC news or stories to share, please feel free to contact us directly on anna.ugalde@svhm.org.au or anna.boltong@cancervic.org.au

From your editors, Anna & Anna

Call to Host MASCC 2017 International Symposium

Until 1st June 2014, MASCC will accept applications to host the annual meeting, which will be selected to take place in the United States. Please go to www.mascc.org to review the requirements for the application. If you will apply, you will need to specify the U.S. city, identify the meeting Chair, provide dates, provide details about the event venue, hotels to provide delegates with options for accommodation, and list and describe any prior experiences hosting international oncology-related meetings. Applications will be presented to the MASCC board to vote and select the successful applicant. As is described in the information on the MASCC website, it will be expected that the successful applicant will work with the MASCC meeting planner for arrangements and planning. Upcoming confirmed Annual Meetings include Copenhagen, Denmark in 2015 and Adelaide, Australia in 2016.

A new book by a MASCC member is now available for purchase

Dermatologic Principles and Practice in Oncology: Conditions of the Skin, Hair, and Nails in Cancer Patients, edited by Mario E. Lacouture, M.D. of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, is the first book to focus on common and frequently disabling side effects of treatment that affect the skin, hair, and nails in cancer patients. It provides detailed descriptions of mechanism-of-action in all current oncology drugs and the clinical presentation and mechanisms underlying their dermatologic side effects. In addition, the book presents recommendations to address these side effects that will allow physicians to significantly enhance the care of patients with cancer. This resource offers dermatologists and other practitioners a focused and comprehensive perspective on cancer-related skin conditions associated with cancer therapies. This book is published by Wiley-Blackwell. For more information, including how to order, please go to http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/
Retirement Category for MASCC Membership

If you are a member of MASCC who is retired (age 65 or greater), you may request a reduced membership fee. This new membership category has a fee of $50USD per year, with online access to the journal. It will be handled by the MASCC office, so if you have any questions, please contact MASCC Executive Director Åge Schultz, by email at: aschultz@mascc.org

Meet some new MASCC Members

Akhilanand Chaurasia

My job title is Assistant Professor and Consultant, presently working in King George Medical University, Lucknow, India. I am an on-call consultant and I manage oral cancer patients suffering from post-radiation osteonecrosis, oral mucositis, hyposalivation, radiation caries and post-radiation trismus. I deliver training to oral cancer patients for proper oral hygiene maintenance post treatment. Oral cancer is an extremely common cancer in India; we encounter a number of cases daily. Since we are a developing country, facilities are limited - particularly in the context of providing supportive care. I joined MASSC/ISOO to get updated and stay connected to the field of supportive care, with the aim of contributing to improved quality life for my patients.

Karin B. Dieperink

I am employed as a senior nurse by the Department of Oncology at Odense University Hospital, Denmark, and I work in cancer rehabilitation as a manager and researcher at the Rehabilitation Centre Dallund. The topics of my PhD included supportive care and rehabilitation after prostate cancer. During this research I gained an understanding of how important interdisciplinary collaboration is to undertake high quality research and ultimately design and deliver evidence based clinical practice. I have participated in MASCC annual meetings in New York in 2012 and Berlin in 2013, and am I excited about participating in Miami 2014 as well. In the future, I will be more involved in family nursing and management of elderly cancer patients. As a member of MASCC, I hope to find international collaborators with the same interests.

William Fahl

I am a Professor of Oncology in the McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research at the University of Wisconsin (UW). My career research interest has been in how to design, synthesize and use small drug molecules to protect mammalian cells against radiation and chemical toxins. Most of my research has involved preclinical animal model studies at Wisconsin, but over the past 7 years it has also involved collaboration with clinical colleagues at UW and elsewhere to translate our preclinical findings into clinical studies to suppress radiotherapy and chemotherapy side effects in cancer patients. MASCC and ISOO provide a global forum for sharing data and study results. We had just achieved preclinical results showing complete prevention of oral mucositis in both mouse and hamster models, and identified the MASCC/ISOO annual meeting as the best place to share this outcome and work to establish partnerships for upcoming clinical studies.
Publications from MASCC members


6: Leblanc TW, Currow DC, Abernethy AP. On Goldilocks, care coordination, and palliative care: making it 'just right'. Prim Care Respir J. 2014 Feb 19.


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