Welcome to the September Issue of the MASCC Society News

In this issue of the Society News, we are pleased to announce the 2018 Annual Meeting of MASCC and ISOO in Vienna, Austria with a welcome letter from Meeting Chair Rachel Gibson. Also, our 2018 Meeting Toolkit is available, so please help spread the word about the meeting. MASCC President Ian Olver reviews some of our new projects for the coming months. In this issue, we shine a light on MASCC Study Groups and urge all members to become involved. We bring you news about supportive care meetings coming up soon and other conference reminders. And we extend a warm welcome to all the new members who joined us in July!

All issues of the MASCC Society News are available online at www.mascc.org/society-news. Older issues (through August, 2016) can be found in the back pages of our journal, Supportive Care in Cancer.

~ Toni Clark, Editor

A Message from MASCC President Ian Olver

As the buzz from Washington subsides, the planning meetings for Vienna begin. We will be working with Kenes International, our professional conference organizer (PCO), to present an exciting conference. However, as we do every few years, we will also consider other PCOs for the meetings after San Francisco in 2019. We have planned meetings in Seville in 2020 and we are exploring Yokohama, Japan for 2021.

Our new Executive Officer Melissa Chin is proving the ideal choice to lead the changes that will strengthen our organization and carry it into the future. Donald Gubitosa, Study Group Coordinator and Manager of Sponsor Relationships, brings a wealth of pharma experience to both of his roles. We are very pleased with the acceptance of the Society News in its digital format with Toni Clark as editor, and I look forward to working with her to bring the MASCC history up to date. You can see some of Beth Hollen’s photos from the 2017 meeting on the MASCC website, with more to come.

The Executive Committee has begun prioritizing recommendations from the Strategic Planning group, and several initiatives are underway. Anna Boltong and the Publications Committee will explore ways to optimize our use of social media. We are also looking at opportunities to expand our online educational offerings.

An important role of MASCC is that of supporting local and regional organizations that promote supportive care. Several MASCC members will participate in the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (JASCC) in October, and in the 2nd Regional Educational Meeting on Supportive Care for Eastern Europe and the Balkan Region in December. We are exploring options for participating in meetings in South America and for cultivating relationships with other organizations that share our interest in supportive care, such as international nursing organizations. We are currently finalizing a new MOU with ISOO that will strengthen the scientific programs of both organizations and allow both to grow.

As always, we value the input of our members with new ideas for MASCC to pursue.

~ Ian Olver

Get the Most From Your MASCC Membership - Get Involved in Study Groups!

What is a Study Group? MASCC Study Groups are interest groups, each devoted to a specific area in supportive care. Members of a Study Group conduct research, develop practice guidelines, design educational materials for practitioners to share with patients, and work to raise awareness about issues in supportive cancer care. Study Groups serve as a valuable resource, providing expertise to MASCC members, to other professional medical societies, and to healthcare practitioners generally. They offer a unique opportunity to meet and collaborate with subject experts around the world. In this way, they can be especially valuable to younger investigators for forging relationships and working with established authorities in their field.
Who can join a Study Group? Every MASCC member is eligible to join up to three Study Groups. Study Group membership can be initiated or changed at any time. Just visit your member Profile by clicking on “My Account,” and then “Edit My Profile” under Member Services. Click “Edit Profile” to make changes. Here, you can change your username, password, address, email, phone, and review and change your Study Group memberships.

Explore Study Groups on the MASCC website. Go right to [MASCC Study Groups](#) and click on any Study Group name to find more information about the group’s activities, guidelines, workshops, and publications.

Get to Know Your Study Group Leaders

With several recent changes in Study Group leaders, it’s a good time to provide an updated list. Thanks to retiring Chairs and Vice-Chairs for their valued service: Jane Bryce, Florian Strasser, Francisco Luis Pimental, Tanya Rouleau, Deborah Saunders, and Siri Beier-Jensen. Deb Saunders has retired as Chair of Oral Care but is filling in for now as Vice-Chair.

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<td><strong>Antiemetics</strong></td>
<td>Management of nausea and vomiting induced by chemotherapy and radiotherapy.</td>
<td>Matti Aapro, MD - Switzerland; Bernardo Rapoport, MD - South Africa; Rita Wickham PhD, RN, AOCN - USA</td>
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<td><strong>Bone</strong></td>
<td>Research and practice guidelines for skeletal complications of cancer and its treatments.</td>
<td>Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis, DDS - Greece; Winston Tan, MD - USA; Beatrice Edwards, MD - USA</td>
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<td><strong>Education</strong></td>
<td>Promotion of patient education as integral to cancer supportive care across countries, languages, and cultural settings.</td>
<td>Paz Fernández-Ortega, RN, MSc, PhD - Spain; Manon Lemonde, PhD, RN - Canada; Judy Phillips, DNP, FNP-BC, AOCN - USA</td>
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<td><strong>Fatigue</strong></td>
<td>Research toward a greater understanding of fatigue mechanisms and experience across the cancer continuum.</td>
<td>Karen Mustian, PhD - USA; Stephen R Samuel, PhD, MPT - India; Debra Barton RN, PhD, AOCN, FAAN - USA</td>
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<td><strong>Geriatrics</strong></td>
<td>Promoting awareness of issues in geriatric oncology and developing guidelines for managing treatment complications in older adults.</td>
<td>Christopher Steer, MBBS, FRACP - Australia; Holly Holmes, MD - USA</td>
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<td><strong>Hemostasis</strong></td>
<td>Providing guidance and guidelines for bleeding and clotting complications in cancer patients.</td>
<td>Carmen Escalante, MD - USA; Thomas Butler, MD - USA; Carme Font, MD - Spain</td>
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<td><strong>Mucositis</strong></td>
<td>Research and practice guidelines on oral and gastrointestinal mucositis associated with anticancer therapies.</td>
<td>Sharon Eld, DMD MSc - USA; Paolo Bossi, MD - Italy; Karis Cheng, PhD, RN - Singapore</td>
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<td><strong>Neurological Complications</strong></td>
<td>Raising awareness about central and peripheral nervous system injuries induced by cancer treatments.</td>
<td>Charles Loprinzi, MD - USA; Alex Chan, PharmD - Singapore; Maryam Lustberg - USA</td>
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<td><strong>Neutropenia, Infection &amp; Myelosuppression</strong></td>
<td>Research and practice guidelines concerning immune system adverse effects of cancer chemotherapies.</td>
<td>Jean Klasktersky, MD - Belgium; Bernardo Rapoport, MD - South Africa</td>
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<td><strong>Nutrition and Cachexia</strong></td>
<td>Research and clinical practice in clinical nutrition as it relates to cancer.</td>
<td>Liz Isenring, PhD - Australia; Egidio G. del Fabbro, MD - USA</td>
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<td><strong>Oral Care</strong></td>
<td>Increasing knowledge and developing guidelines regarding therapy-associated oral complications.</td>
<td>Kvänk Bektä Kayhan, MD - Turkey; David Hui, MD - USA; Gregory Crawford, MD - Australia</td>
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<td><strong>Palliative Care</strong></td>
<td>Fostering international collaborations related to education and research in supportive and palliative oncology to improve the quality of cancer care.</td>
<td>Andrew Davies, MD - UK; David Hui, MD - USA; Gregory Crawford, MD - Australia</td>
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<td><strong>Pediatrics</strong></td>
<td>Bridging the gap between research and clinical practice as it applies to children with cancer.</td>
<td>Marianne van de Wetering, PhD - Netherlands; Andrea Orsey, MD, MSCE - USA</td>
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<td><strong>Psychosocial</strong></td>
<td>Making psychosocial dimensions of care integral to the care of all cancer patients.</td>
<td>Lidia Schapira, MD - USA; Penelope Schofield, PhD - Australia</td>
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<td><strong>Rehabilitation, Survivorship, Quality of Life</strong></td>
<td>Optimizing patients’ and survivors’ quality of life through research, education, and individualized goals and treatment plans.</td>
<td>Ray Chan, PhD, MAppSc, BN, RN, FACN - Australia; Margaret Fitch, RN, PhD - Canada</td>
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<td><strong>Skin Toxicities</strong></td>
<td>Raising awareness of dermatological conditions in cancer patients and the emerging field of cancer-related skin toxicities management.</td>
<td>Jennifer Choi, MD - USA; Mario E. Lacouture, MD - USA</td>
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For more information, contact Study Group Coordinator Don Gubitosa at [dgubitosa@mascc.org](mailto:dgubitosa@mascc.org).
MASCC/ISOO 2018

We’re excited to officially announce that MASCC/ISOO 2018 will take place June 28-30 in Vienna, Austria. Rachel Gibson, who will again Chair the meeting, promises an exciting scientific program in a beautiful and historic city on the banks of the majestic Danube River. The official MASCC/ISOO 2018 website is now available, and more content will be added soon. Also, watch for more information in future issues of the Society News!

Sharing Success in Supportive Care in Cancer

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) and the International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO), I am delighted to invite you to join me at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Vienna, Austria. Mark June 28-30, 2018 on your calendar now!

The MASCC meeting is unique in taking a multidisciplinary approach to topics in supportive cancer care. Our 2018 meeting will feature plenary sessions on cannabinoids for cancer symptom management and therapy, cognitive impairment after chemotherapy, and treatment-related cardiac toxicities. These topics span a range of specialties and allied professions, enabling the whole team to come together to discuss issues of mutual interest on a global platform. Themed pre-conference workshops will provide opportunities for in-depth discussions on many areas of side-effect management. And mentored sessions for poster presenters will provide guidance from world leaders for our experts of the future.

In 2018, the Annual Meeting returns to Europe and the beautiful country of Austria. Vienna, one of the most exquisite cities in Europe, lies on the banks of the majestic Danube River and offers a unique combination of imperial traditions and stunning modern architecture. The city is famous for its rich history, cultural events, coffee houses, cozy wine taverns, and the characteristic Viennese charm. Considered a paradise for music lovers, Vienna is considered a paradise for music lovers, being the birthplace of many renowned composers, such as Schubert, Strauss, Schoenberg, and Berg, and home to many others, such as Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, Brahms, and Mahler. There are numerous attractions to discover: boat rides on the Danube, hiking through the Vienna woods, dinner cruises, operas, and concerts. Explore the history of this capital city, dating back to Roman times, to enhance an exceptional cultural experience.

I look forward to welcoming you to MASCC/ISOO 2018. Please share this invitation with any colleagues who might be interested in attending.

With Warmest Regards,

Rachel Gibson, PhD
2018 Annual Meeting Chair

Help Spread the Word!

Our 2018 Meeting Toolkit is now available at http://www.mascc.org/meeting-toolkit. Here you can find PowerPoint slide sets, banners, adverts, and signature banners to use in your email signature files.

Be a MASCC Ambassador!

Say a few words about MASCC and our Annual Meeting at your next speaking engagement. Contact Melissa at mchin@mascc.org for a few MASCC slides to add to your presentation. And join us in Vienna for an exciting program featuring supportive care research advances and clinical applications.
Now Recruiting Participants!

Treatment Adherence, Quality of Life, and Resource Utilization during Anticoagulant Therapy for Cancer-Related VTE

Cristhiam Rojas Hernandez, a member of the Hemostasis Study Group, is the principal investigator of a clinical research project titled “Measurement of Adherence and Health-related Quality of Life, and Health-care Resource Utilization during Anticoagulation Therapy in Cancer-related Venous Thromboembolism.” The study objectives include assessment of self-reported adherence and the HRQL change at different long-term time points during anticoagulation treatment of cancer-related VTE associated with different anticoagulation strategies.

For more information, see: Hemostasis Study Group web page. Or contact Cris Rojas Hernandez at cmrojas@mdanderson.org.

2nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Supportive Care in Cancer

The 2nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (JASCC) will be held on October 27-28, 2017 in Omiya City, Japan. This year, the meeting’s theme is “Physical and Psychological Care for Cancer Patients.” Numerous symposia, workshops, and presentations will address the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to the symptoms and side effects of cancer and its treatments. The program features a JASCC & MASCC Joint Seminar on Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea and Vomiting.

Early registration deadline: September 20th
For more program details or to register, visit the conference website: http://jascc.jp/jascc2017_congress/english2017/outline.html.

Pain in Palliative Care: Challenges and Research Advances

First Annual Scientific Day of the Quebec Research Network in Palliative and End of Life Care

The First Annual Scientific Day, hosted by the Quebec Research Network in Palliative and End-of-Life Care and the Michel-Sarrazin Research Team in Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care at Laval University in Québec City, Québec, Canada, will be held on November 3, 2017, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. This educational event is designed for clinicians, decision makers, scientists and researchers, students, and volunteers from across Québec with an interest in palliative and supportive care. Among the speakers is MASCC member Lynn Gauthier, who is also one of the organizers. Topics include pain assessment and management across the lifespan in palliative and supportive care. A trainee session will allow an opportunity for students to showcase their work in a "data blitz" format.

For more information, see: http://www.recherchesoinspalliatifs.ca/anglais/.

1st Annual Treatment-Related Adverse Events Symposium: Focus on Management

The First Annual Treatment-Related Adverse Events Symposium: Focus on Management will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017 in New York City. This CME course will take place at Zuckerman Research Center, 417 E 68th St, from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The Course Director is MASCC member Mario E. Lacouture, Director of the Oncodermatology Program at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Other MASCC members among the speakers are Kathryn Ciccolini and Efstathia Tzatha.

For more information, see the Symposium website: http://www.mskcc.org/AdverseEvents.

Attending ESMO?

Please stop by the MASCC booth, S21 in the Society Village, and say hello!
Call for Abstracts! NCCN 23rd Annual Conference General Poster Session

The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) is now accepting abstracts for Poster Session consideration at the NCCN 23rd Annual Conference in Orlando Florida, March 22-23, 2018. The conference theme is “Improving the Quality, Effectiveness, and Efficiency of Cancer Care.”


Call for Abstracts! ONS 43rd Annual Congress

Share your work in supportive cancer care. Submit an abstract for an oral session or ePoster presentation at the Oncology Nursing Society’s 43rd Annual Congress, to be held May 17-20 in Washington, DC, USA.


UPCOMING CONFERENCE REMINDERS

September 8 -12, 2017
ESMO - European Society for Medical Oncology, 2017 Congress
Integrating Science into Oncology for a Better Patient Outcome
Madrid, Spain
http://www.esmo.org/Conferences/ESMO-2017-Congress

September 13 - 14, 2017
Cancer Nursing Congress
International Conference on Oncology Nursing & Cancer Care
Singapore
http://cancer.nursingconference.com/

October 20 - 21, 2017
Hellenic Society of Head and Neck Cancer & the 6th Day of Oral Oncology
Athens, Greece
http://www.headneckcancer.gr/

October 27, 2017
First Annual Treatment-Related Adverse Events Symposium:
Focus on Management
417 East 68th St, New York, NY
www.mskcc.org/AdverseEvents

October 27 - 28, 2017
2nd Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Supportive Care in Cancer
Omiai City, Saitama Prefecture, Japan

October 27 - 28, 2017
Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium
San Diego, California
http://pallonc.org

November 3, 2017
First Annual Scientific Day of the Quebec Research Network in Palliative and End of Life Care
The Michel-Sarrazin Research Team in Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care
Laval University, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
http://www.recherchesoinspalliatifs.ca/anglais/?journee_scientifique=a

November 9 - 11, 2017
SIOG 2017 Annual Conference
Warsaw, Poland
http://siog.org/content/sioq-2017-annual-conference-0

December 1 - 2, 2017
Second Regional Educational Meeting on Supportive Care in Cancer Patients for Eastern Europe and the Balkan Region
Belgrade, Serbia
suppcarebgd2017@fogg.rs

MASCC welcomes the new members who joined us in July!

Ekta Agarwal, Australia
Darcy Burbage, United States
John Burt, United States
Christine Droney, United States
Margaret Fitch, Canada
Caroline Forde, United Kingdom
Heather Jenkins, United States
Linda Krebs, United States
John Mack, United States
Lisa Mackenzie, Australia
Rukmangathan Thurvas Mohan, India
Alisha Morgan, United States
Alina Ng, Hong Kong
Catarina Ribeiro, Portugal
Jing-Yu Tan, Hong Kong
Nazy Zahedi, United States

Have any news items to share? Please send contributions to Toni at tclark@mascc.org.