

MASCC/ISOO International Symposium- Geneva, Switzerland  
**Minutes of Meeting - Psychosocial**  
**July 2, 2005**

Present: Eoin Tiernan (Chair), Tammy Weitzman (Co-Chair), Lawrence Einhorn, MD (for Jackie Brames-Co-Chair), Margaret Fitch, Michele Chaban, Martin Tattersall, MD, Andrea Bezjak, MD

Welcome, Introduction

Overview of the aims and objectives of the Study Group. One of the key points made was that the Study Group needs to continue to define its niche within the context of the growing number of national and international psychosocial oncology organizations. What could the MASCC Psychosocial Oncology Study Group contribute that would be of value?

MASCC Web Site

The Web Education and Resource Center is a new addition to the MASCC website. Since its establishment at the Berlin Symposium in 2003, study groups continue to select relevant presentations from the symposium that address each study group topic! This is an excellent way in which we can build our study group and expand the resource center.

Specific Projects

The study group expressed a strong desire and interest in contributing to the Scientific Programme design of future conferences. This was a discussion, which was initiated in 2004 during the Miami Meeting.

For the Geneva conference Eoin Tiernan undertook to contact Matti Aapro. For the Toronto meeting in 2006, the chair and co-chairs agreed to liaise with Ron Feld MD and his planning committee.

At the Miami meeting in 2004, the study group had originally proposed a Study on Burn Out - An international multidisciplinary study of professionals working with cancer patients. Following discussion at the Geneva meeting, it was agreed that the study group would be best to consider undertaking a relatively modest project at the outset. MASCC has over fifty- five countries represented in its membership. The idea was brought forth to develop a psychosocial survey of psychosocial programs at cancer centers among MASCC membership.

The Psychosocial Study Group will liaise with one another as well as its membership to form partnerships and collaborations with other Study Groups to develop this survey.