Welcome to the May 2017 Edition of the ISOO Newsletter

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Sharing Successes and Charting the Future:
A Sneak-Peek at the 2017 MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting

The MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, DC, USA, June 22-24. This year’s meeting will again bring together world-renowned experts, clinicians, and researchers to address the theme of “Sharing Successes in Supportive Care in Cancer.” Meeting Chair Rachel Gibson, along with the Scientific Committee, has put together an exciting program of presentations, workshops, e-posters, discussions, and debates that showcase the progress made in the past three decades toward managing the symptoms and side effects of cancer and its treatment. The 2017 meeting offers an opportunity to celebrate the impact of supportive care on patient experience, treatment outcomes, and survival, and to collaborate with like-minded colleagues from around the world to continue making strides in the future. Join us in Washington!

PLENARY SESSIONS*

Plenary 1: Financial Toxicity – Chair: Ian Olver, Australia
Speakers: Pricivel Carrera, Ronan Kelly, Jonas de Souza.

Plenary 2: Side Effects of Immunotherapy – Chair: David Warr, Canada
Speakers: Mario Lacouture, Karin Jordan, Joel Epstein.

Plenary 3: Precision Medicine – Chair: Rachel Gibson, Australia
Speakers: Joanne Bowen, Janet Coller, Nicolaj Andreassen.
WORKSHOPS
You can find full workshop descriptions in the December 2016 issue of the MASCC Society News and at MASCC2017.com.

Workshop 1: How Adherence to Guidelines Influences the Cost-Effectiveness of Supportive Care Interventions
Workshop Chair: Bernardo Rapoport
Study Groups: Neutropenia, Infection, Myelosuppression; Oral Care, Antiemetics, Psychosocial

Workshop 2: Update on Venous Thromboembolism: Approach and Challenges
Workshop Chairs: Carme Font, Carmen Escalante, Tom Butler, Paz Fernández-Ortega
Study Groups: Hemostasis, Education

Workshop Chair: David Hui
Study Groups: Palliative Care, Pediatrics, Education

Workshop 4: Communication Challenges in Geriatric Oncology: Perspectives of Patients, Family Caregivers, and Healthcare Professionals
Workshop Chairs: Christopher Steer, Lidia Schiapira, Penny Schofield, Fran Boyle, Holly Holmes, Belinda Kiely
Study Groups: Geriatrics, Psychosocial

Workshop 5: Circadian Rhythms and Chronobiology in Cancer: Relationship to Cancer-Related Fatigue and Other Toxicities
Workshop Chairs: Oxana Palesh and Diwakar Balachandran
Study Groups: Fatigue, Palliative Care, Rehabilitation/Survivorship/Quality of Life

PARALLEL SESSIONS
Parallel sessions will feature some of the latest advances in managing the symptoms and side effects of cancer and its treatment. Topics include bone health, geriatric assessment, wound care, scalp cooling, neurological complications, the integration of oncology and dermatology, cross-cultural communication in cancer care, and much more! There will also be a special Joint Session with the Oncology Nursing Society and a session on perspectives from Southeast Asia.

E-POSTERS
E-poster sessions will be mentored by leading world experts, many based at the National Cancer Institute or other US research centers.

ISOO CE COURSE AND BUSINESS MEETING
Chair: Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis

Oral Oncology in the Paediatric Setting
Speakers: Eric Loeffen, Faith Gibson, Caroline Nguyen

Osteonecrosis of the Jaw
Speakers: David Yang, Cesar Migliorati

PATIENT SEMINAR: CANCER AND THE SENSORIUM
Flavor Perception in People Affected by Cancer
In connection with this year’s Annual Meeting, MASCC is sponsoring a Patient Seminar. This event is free for people affected by cancer and their friends or family. The program, which focuses on taste problems caused by cancer treatment, will provide an opportunity to hear from experts in the fields of taste, smell, flavor, nutrition, and sensory science.

For more information and to register:
www.mascc2017.com/scientific-information/patient-seminar
or email mascc@kenes.com.
Meet Your New ISOO Board of Directors

As a result of the recent call for nominations, a new ISOO Board has been selected and Table Officer positions have been selected. Newly-elected ISOO Board members include: Debbie Saunders (Canada), Siri Beier-Jensen (Denmark) and Barbara Murphy (USA), joining Allan Hovan (Canada), Ourania Nicolatau-Galitis (Greece) and Raj Nair (Australia) who return to the ISOO Board. The new ISOO Board assume their positions in June 2017.
Oral Care Study Group Leadership

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Kivanc Betkas-Kayhan has agreed to assume leadership of the Oral Care Study Group, effective June 2017. Please read the lovely note of introduction provided by Dr. Betkas.

I am one of you who cares about cancer and cancer patients. My name is Kıvanç Bektaş-Kayhan from Istanbul, Turkey. After graduating from Istanbul University Faculty of Dentistry in 2000 (of note, the first dental faculty of Turkey, founded in 1908), I started my PhD in Oral Medicine and Surgery. In these years I was dealing with head and neck and as well as pediatric cancer patients. My thesis focused on oral cancer.

The problem was about reading literature… so much data and hard to decide between treatment alternatives. I was in need of talking to colleagues since there was so much out there in the literature. 2006 was a turning point. At the 8th Congress of European Association of Oral Medicine, I met many distinguished colleagues including Professor Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis. She led the way and I followed. I was with MASCC/ISOO soon and it was like being in the best friend’s party. I joined the working groups and learned so much.

What we all believed was the possibility of a better life even with cancer. This had many different meaning depending on discipline but, as dentists, oral care was the core theme.

I just want to know that it’s a big pleasure to work with ISOO group in any position and welcome the opportunity to serve as the Chair of the Oral Care Study Group.

Thanks to all my colleagues for their support.

Sincerely,
Associate Professor Dr. Kıvanç Bektaş-Kayhan PhD, DDS.

A Letter from the Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer

ISOO has received a letter of thanks from the Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC) for our endorsement of its 2nd Annual Meeting. JAOSCC Meeting Chair Takashi Yurikusa expressed his deep appreciation for ISOO’s time, help, and support.

The 2nd Annual JAOSCC Meeting, held in Shizuoka, Japan last December, and was deemed a complete success, with all attendees taking an active part in the sessions and discussions. JAOSCC looks forward to continued collaboration in the future.

Recruit a Colleague in 2017!

Make 2017 the year you introduce a colleague to MASCC and ISOO! We currently have more than 1,000 members worldwide, representing more than 60 countries and 6 continents. In the past year, we’ve seen an increase in members from all countries, most notably Denmark and India. Membership benefits include a free subscription to our monthly journal, Supportive Care in Cancer, access to members-only areas of our website, discounts on supportive care books and meeting registration fees, and numerous opportunities to work with MASCC/ISOO Study Groups, to exchange ideas and expertise, and promote supportive care in cancer. Membership is open to medical and surgical oncologists, radiologists, nurses, dental professionals, pharmacists, social workers, dietitians, psychologists, students, industry representatives, and anyone interested in the prevention and management of the adverse effects of cancer and its treatment.