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In Memory of Dr. Sol Silverman Jr.

May 12th, 1926 - August 13th, 2014

It is with deep sadness that we inform members of the International Society of Oral Oncology and dental colleagues from the USA and around the world that our friend and colleague, Dr. Sol (Bud) Silverman Jr. passed away on August 13th, 2014. He had suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed on the left side of his body, but even in his last days, he was full of good cheer. He was 88 years old and was still active both professionally and physically. Bud was a mentor, leader and inspiration for a large number of colleagues from the national and international dental communities and had taught and cared for patients at University of California San Francisco for over half a century during his illustrious career. He will be remembered for his enthusiasm, integrity, honesty, and compassion for his patients. It is hard to find words that accurately describe what Bud meant to many of us in oral medicine and to those who were fortunate and privileged to have worked with him. We have lost a great man, an incredible human being, an exemplary teacher and for those of us who had the chance to play with him, a great tennis and basketball partner.

Cesar A. Migliorati
ISOO Orofacial Supportive Care in Cancer Course (ISOO-OSCCC)

Cancer has no borders or boundaries; unfortunately cancer care does.

The term ‘orofacial supportive care in cancer’ denotes clinical care of cancer patients, either in-patient or out-patient, by a group of like-minded clinicians, specialists, allied health professionals and researchers as part of a multi-disciplinary team looking after patients from diagnosis through survivorship.

The proposed ISOO Orofacial Supportive Care in Cancer Course (ISOO-OSCCC) will be an intensive course introducing the principles and practice of orofacial supportive care in cancer. Main aims of this course will be to introduce basic concepts, clinical evaluation of orofacial structures, available scoring tools, current key issues in management, and existing guidelines in the management of orofacial complications of cancer therapy. This course is designed to stimulate critical thinking and will also benefit those who are inclined towards research in this field via the introduction of tools on translational research and existing international multi-centred studies.

The ultimate goal of this course is to standardise all aspects of orofacial supportive care across the world. Keeping this in mind, there is an emphasis on participants from the underdeveloped and developing world. This course will instruct participants on how to implement or introduce a systematic approach to orofacial supportive care for their cancer patients, especially allied health workers and clinicians who have had no formal training in this field.

The target audience includes allied Health Care Professionals, Dentists/Senior Dental Students, Oral Medicine Residents/Clinicians, Haematology and Oncology Residents/Registrars/Physicians, Head and Neck Surgery Residents and Registrars/Surgeons; Radiation Oncology Residents/Clinicians

This course is designed and executed by an international pool of educators, clinicians and researchers who are well versed and recognised as formal experts and authorities representing diverse health disciplines.

There will be dedicated time periods for constructive discussion amongst the participants and the lecturers supported by online videos. There will be clinical study hours where actual cases are analysed and discussed.

Once approved, this course will be in accordance with the policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through MASCC/ISOO. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Certificates will be provided to those participants who have completed all modules of the course.

The idea for such a course evolved from personal experience, training, and service in orofacial supportive care in cancer in diverse parts of our universe such as the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, North America and Australasia, in the past two decades. Support from the ISOO president and board members are invaluable in the development of this course and we are working together as a team in delivering this course in the very near future. Please watch the ISOO website for information regarding ISOO-OSCCC in the coming months.

Raj Nair
Meet ISOO Member, Rui Amaral Mendes

Prof. Rui Amaral Mendes attained his DMD degree from the University of Porto. He proceeded with his studies at the VU Universiteit Amsterdam where he defended his doctoral thesis under the supervision of his mentor, Isaac van der Waal.

Professor of Oral Medicine, Oral Oncology and Oral Surgery of the Catholic University of Portugal and Clinical Director of the University’s Clinic, in 2012 he was appointed Chair of the DMD Program of the Catholic University of Portugal and, until recently, Visiting Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Michigan. He is currently the Chair of the Post-Graduation Program in Oral and Maxillo-Facial Medicine and Pathology of the Catholic University of Portugal.

He worked as Assistant reviewer in the V World Workshop on Oral Medicine - “Genetics/epigenetics of oral mucosal premalignancy” and is also member of the Research Interest Group "Head & Neck Oncology" of the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. In June 2013 he was designated Section Head of the Bone Complications Section of the Oral Care Study Group, Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer/International Society of Oral Oncology (MASCC/ISOO).

He is member of the Editorial Board of “Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology and Oral Radiology” and “Journal of Carcinogenesis & Mutagenesis” and Associate Editor of the “British Medical Journal - Case Reports”.

Between 2003 and 2013 he was actively collaborating, as a volunteer, with the Non-Governmental Organization for Development (NGOD) “Doctors of the World”, within the scope of the project “Porto Escondido”, integrating the medical team responsible for providing primary health care to the homeless population of the city of Porto and the illegal immigrants detained at the center of the Department of Immigration.

Appointed Fellow of the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in May 2005, he is also a full member of the European Association of Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery and a Fellow of the International Academy of Oral Oncology since 2006.

Other than Oral Oncology, he has an interest in literature, particularly poetry, having published 3 books. He’s also fond of long-distance running: Porto, Barcelona, Paris and Rotterdam are among the cities where he has run the marathon, though he considers his major accomplishment to be the 90k Comrades ultra-marathon in South Africa.
Upcoming Meetings of Interest

2014

**First Transoral Robotic Surgery Conference**
Newcastle upon Tyne, UK, 5 November 2014

**International Symposium on HPV Infection in Head and Neck Cancer**
Poznan, Poland, 13-14 November 2014

**9th International Head & Neck Cancer Quality of Life Conference**
Liverpool, UK, 13-14 November 2014

**Clinical Chemosensation 2014**
Dresden, Germany, 20-23 November 2014

**28th World Congress of the International College for Maxillo-Facial Surgery**
Cancun, Mexico, 25-28 November 2014

2015

**3rd Congress of European ORL-HNS**
Prague, Czech Republic, 7-11 June 2015

**5th World Congress of the International Academy of Oral Oncology**
Sao Paulo, Brazil, 8-11 July, 2015

**World Congress on Larynx Cancer**
Cairns, Queensland, Australia, 26-30 July 2015

MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting
Copenhagen 2015

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