Special Annual Meeting Issue of the MASCC Society News

Welcome to this special issue of the MASCC Society News devoted to the 2016 MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting in Adelaide, Australia. This meeting marked the 25th anniversary of MASCC and the 30th anniversary of ISOO. Read on to see meeting highlights and photos.

The August issue of the News will appear both online and in our journal, Supportive Care in Cancer. However, beginning with the September issue, the News will be available online only. The change will make it possible to bring you current events and member news in a more timely manner.

We extend a warm welcome to the 204 members who joined MASCC at the Annual Meeting this year! Don’t forget to complete your Member Profile and select up to three Study Groups. Find out what your Study Groups are doing, keep in touch, and get involved. Study Group participation provides you with a direct link to an international community of leaders in the field of supportive care in cancer!

~ Toni Clark, Editor

President’s Message
By MASCC President, Ian Olver

The 25th Anniversary Meeting in Adelaide provided a look back at the past 25 years of MASCC and 30 years of ISOO, as well as a look forward. A special session featuring Past Presidents’ perspectives provided a review of MASCC’s history. And throughout the meeting, speakers looked to the future as we enter this era of personalized medicine. Innovation was a particular aim of the meeting. This was our first meeting to be held outside of Europe and the USA. We engaged successfully with Southeast Asia, attracting new attendees from Japan, Korea, and China, as well as from countries that haven’t previously been represented at a MASCC meeting, such as Papua New Guinea. Gone were the printed abstract books of the past. These were replaced by a multifunctional app, which not only kept everyone up to date on meeting activities, but also provided access to all the abstracts. Instead of walls covered with printed poster presentations, we moved to e-posters, which are also available for future reference. The meeting provided a wealth of learning experiences with respect to both scientific content and logistics. We learned some lessons that will improve future programs for both presenters and attendees.

Not all the innovation was on the scientific and practical front. The dancers in the Perspex cube, who entertained us before the dinner, were rivaled only by the MASCC members who took to the floor (and the cube) when the formalities were over.

We are most grateful for the support of 1075 registrants from 50 countries, as well as over 200 new members who joined MASCC at the meeting. We look forward to continuing to engage with these and all of our members, especially through our Study Groups. Together, we’ll continue to build on MASCC’s strong foundation over the next 25 years!
The 2016 MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting took place in Adelaide, Australia, June 23-25. As usual, the meeting included an exciting program of presentations, workshops, discussions, and debates on treatments and techniques for minimizing treatment-induced side effects, as well as on the psychological, social, and spiritual dimensions of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Scientific Program Co-Chairs Dorothy Keefe and Ian Olver warmly welcomed 1075 delegates to Adelaide and to the conference, the fourth largest MASCC meeting ever. Attendees represented 50 countries, with 65% being from Australia and Asia, including Japan, China, South Korea, Singapore, and India — as well as new countries such as Albania, Bangladesh, and Papua New Guinea.

His Excellency the Honorable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia, opened the meeting, which featured 3 plenary sessions, 30 parallel sessions (including one for each Study Group) and 613 abstracts. Other events included a Patient Seminar, 5 Satellite Symposia, 6 Pre-Conference Workshops attended by about 300 participants, and a New Members Reception — affording numerous opportunities to exchange information and initiatives with colleagues from around the world. Innovations this year included a program app containing all abstracts, e-posters, and an increased social media presence through Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Special touches included fitness events and an art exhibition, “Body of Evidence,” showcasing the work of local South Australian artists and inspired by the impact of art on health.

MASCC celebrated its 25th Anniversary in style at the Presidential Dinner and Dance. Six Past Presidents were on hand to help incoming President Ian Olver blow out the candles on the celebratory cake.
Distinguished Service Award - Matti Aapro, Switzerland

Matti Aapro, MD, is the recipient of MASCC's 2016 Distinguished Service Award. The DSA, MASCC's highest honor, is made in recognition of meritorious achievement and outstanding contributions to the Society. Candidates are nominated by their peers in recognition of exemplary leadership and accomplishments in support of the Society's mission. Currently Dean of the Multidisciplinary Oncology Institute, Genolier, Switzerland, Matti Aapro is widely recognized for his achievements in numerous areas of oncology and supportive cancer care. His expertise and energetic leadership have significantly furthered the aims of MASCC around the world. The July issue of the Society News carries a full-length feature on this year’s award to Matti Aapro.

Steven M. Grunberg Memorial Award - Nicole Kiss, Australia

The Steven M. Grunberg Memorial Award is made in recognition of scientific excellence, leadership, and mentoring in the field of supportive care in cancer. This year, the Award was presented to Nicole Kiss, PhD, MND, BSc, GCertHSM, AdvAPD. Nicole is an Advanced Accredited Practising Dietitian and Senior Clinician (Dietitian) at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne, Australia. Her research focuses on the relationships between nutritional status and weight loss, as well as nausea and vomiting, in cancer patients being treated with chemo-radiotherapy and the effects of nutritional and exercise interventions. Nicole’s Steven M. Grunberg Memorial presentation was titled, “Skeletal Muscle Depletion and Relationship to Survival in NSCLC Patients Receiving Chemo-radiation.” Watch for a feature article on this work in a future issue of the Society News.

Outstanding Young Investigator Award - Luke Peppone, USA

This year, the MASCC Awards Committee awarded Young Investigator Awards to ten applicants. Successful applicants must be less than 40 years old and their abstracts must rank in the top 20% of those submitted. From among the applicants, one Young Investigator awardee is selected each year as the Outstanding Young Investigator. The honor this year went to Luke Peppone, PhD, for his research on “Efficacy of Omega-3 (ω-3) Supplementation Versus Omega-6 (ω-6) Supplementation for Reducing Cancer-Related Fatigue Among Breast Cancer Survivors: A URCC NCORP Randomized Controlled Trial.” Luke earned a PhD in Epidemiology and Community Health from SUNY Buffalo and currently holds a dual appointment as Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery and the Department of Orthopaedics, School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York, USA. Watch for a feature article on Luke and his research accomplishments in a future issue of the Society News.

Congratulations to all of the other Young Investigators who received awards this year!

Petra Stolz Baskett (Switzerland), Hee-Jun Kim (Republic of Korea), Hiromitsu Kitayama (Japan), Vinay Kumar Ramaiah (India), Srinivas Raman (Canada), Romany Stansborough (Australia), Daniel Thorpe (Australia), Rebeca Vasconcelos (USA), Hannah Wardill (Australia)
Travel scholarships are awarded to applicants from developing countries to help cover travel expenses to attend the MASCC Annual Meeting. This year’s recipients were Sana Abasher (Saudi Arabia), Atul Batra (India), Xiaoli Gu (China), Claire Habito (Philippines), Julius X. Scott (India), Abhishek Kandwal (India), Uday Venkat Mateet (India), Sandip Mukhopadhyay (India), Andrew T. Olagunju (Nigeria), Raghavendra Ramanji (India), Madhup Rastogi (India), Prayat Thakur (India), and Hadi Zamanian (Iran).

Cynthia N. Rittenberg
TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

From among the Travel Scholarship applicants, the highest-ranking nurse applicant is awarded the Cynthia N. Rittenberg Travel Scholarship. This year the award went to Pamela Were (Kenya).

Fatigue Study Group Junior Investigator and New Investigator Awards

Each year, the Fatigue Study Group selects two outstanding young investigators from among fatigue-related research abstracts submitted to the meeting. This year, Kord Kober, PhD, was awarded the Fatigue Study Group’s Junior Investigator Award for his work titled, “Gene Expression Profiling of Inflammation and Immune Response Pathways in Oncology Patients Undergoing Chemotherapy with Distinct Evening Fatigue Trajectories.” Kord is an Associate Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of California San Francisco. The New Investigator Award recipient is Yun-Jen Chou, RN, MSN, for her work on “Fatigue Management and Its Effectiveness Reported by Cancer Patients: A National Survey.” Yun-Jen is at the School of Nursing, National Taiwan University, Taipei City, Taiwan.

Art Exhibition: “Body of Evidence”

The Annual Meeting featured an art exhibition at the Adelaide Convention Centre called “Body of Evidence” showcasing the work of South Australian artists with an interest in the human body and the impact of art on health. The gastrointestinal tract featured prominently in the exhibition and a work titled “the inside is the outside” by Cheryl Hutchens was the impetus for this installation. Says Ms. Hutchens, an Adelaide-based textile artist with an interest in biology and the human condition, “I look to science for answers about the nature of life.”

FACES AT MASCC

Look for the Meeting Photo Gallery to be posted soon at MASSCC.ORG
MASCC welcomes the following new members who joined us at the Annual Meeting this year!

Jessica Abbott, Australia
Meera Agar, Australia
Sohra Ahari, Canada
Aruna Alahari Dhir, India
Ingrid Alkebro, Sweden
Jeroine Andréjev, United Kingdom
Rebecca Angka, Indonesia
Lou Angus, Australia
Pravgen Arany, United States
Cristian Astorga, Chile
Jessica Barbon, Australia
Atul Batra, India
Mary Jocylyn Bautista, Philippines
Mary Beattie, United Kingdom
Laura Beattie, United Kingdom
Lisa Beatty, Australia
Vanessa Beesley, Australia
Katie Benton, Australia
Megan Best, Australia
Sarah Bishop Browne, Australia
Gillian Blanchard, Australia
Alison Blight, Australia
Anne Booms, Australia
Alison Broadbent, Australia
Bronwyn Brooks, Australia
Susanne Brooks, Australia
Helen Brown, New Zealand
Jared Campbell, Australia
Sally Carr, Australia

Meritxell Casanovas-Blanco, Australia
Celeste Castaneda, Australia
Raju Chacko, India
Suchira Chaiviboontham, Thailand
Camilla Chan, Australia
Yok Ying Chang, Singapore
Huiping Chen, China
Youn Seon Choi, Korea, Republic of
Maria Choy, Hong Kong
Stephen Clarke, Australia
Tammy Coberly, United States
Christine Cole, Australia
Raimundo Correa, Chile
Peta Cottrell, Australia
Jennifer Cresp, Australia
Deirdre D’Souza, Australia
Pip Davies, Australia
Ashwini Davray, Australia
Rosslyn de Wet, Australia
Haryana Dhillon, Australia
Kanchan Dholan, India
Oreola Donini, United States
Polly Dufton, Australia
Jaret Dunn, United Kingdom
Kim Edmunds, Australia
Tracy Einsiedel, Australia
James Feeney, United States
Amanda Fernando, Australia
Jennifer Fernando, New Zealand

Merran Findlay, Australia
Anna Fletcher, Australia
Tsien Fua, Australia
Spiridoula Galetakis, Australia
Felipe Galvan, Chile
Elise Gane, Australia
Ruth Gerring, New Zealand
Elleen Giles, Australia
Shelley Goodson, Australia
Julie Gosper, Australia
Tina Griffiths, Australia
Renae Grundy, Australia
Prasad Pralhad Gunari, India
Oanh Ha, Australia
Shaira Hadwani, Australia
Peter Hallett, Australia
Su-Ying Hang, Taiwan
James Hardie, Australia
Janet Hardy, Australia
Nathan Harrison, Australia
Allan Hayward, Australia
Katherine Hernandez, Philippines
Susan Hiller, United States
Chantelle Hislop, Australia
Frederick Ho, Australia
Ge Kai Ho, Australia
Deborah Hoberg, Australia
Amy Hsieh, Australia
Amanda Hutchinson, Australia
Annual Meeting members, continued…

Mari Ikeda, Japan
Kathy Inglis, Australia
Touhidul Islam, Bangladesh
Yobelli Jimenez, Australia
Lynnette Jones, New Zealand
Tove Kamsvag Magnusson, Sweden
Matthew Kang, United States
Aisling Kelly, Australia
Katherine Kelly, Australia
Maria Kagiad, Greece
Sam Yong Kim, Korea, Republic of
Lisa King, Australia
Janet Kirker, Australia
Marilynne Kirschbaum, Australia
Andriy Krendykov, Germany
Yasuko Kukichi, Japan
Nai-Tzu Kuo, Taiwan
Diana Lan, Australia
Richard Lawrence, Australia
Jessica Lee, Australia
Kyung Hee Lee, Korea, Republic of
Patricia Lee Apostol, Australia
Meng-Ju Li, Taiwan
Jinxian Li, China
Sharon Liberati, Australia
Esther Lin, Australia
Kristin Linke, Australia
Wei Liu, Australia
Mel Loan, Australia
Jennifer Loeliger, Australia
Melanie Lovell, Australia
Susanne Mathews, Australia
Melissa Mathers, Australia
Muneyo Matsushima, Japan
Jasmin Mazis, Australia
Lim Meiyang, Hong Kong
Jasmine Micklem, Australia
Lyndal Moore, Australia
Kortnye Morris, Australia
Midori Nakagaki, Australia
Hui Cheng Ng, Singapore
Kristin Nielsen, Denmark
Kerry Nolan, United Kingdom
Cassandra O’Brien, Australia
Kevin O’Suhaughnessy, Australia
Meredith Oatley, Australia
Emma Ohlsson-Nevo, Sweden
Lev Ostrowsky, Israel
Liz Pascoe, Australia
Juannine Passfield, Australia
Elizabeth Pearson, Australia
Malonia Pentino, Australia
Tara Perloff, United States
Micah Peters, Australia
Tharin Phenwan, Thailand
Jane Phillips, Australia
Rachel Pitt, Australia
Amanda Pomery, Australia
Michael Powell, Australia
Mercedes Prieto De Las Mulas, Australia
Srinivas Raman, Canada
Raghurabardh Ramanjulu, India
Rosemary Ramsay, Australia
Imogen Ramsey, Australia
Amanda Robertson, Australia
Fiona Runacres, Australia
Penelope Sanderson, Australia
Hisako Sasaki, Japan
Eiko Satomi, Japan
Ferdous Sayed, Bangladesh
Janet Schloss, Australia
Ashim Kumar Sengupta, Bangladesh
Sandra Serrano, Brazil
Rania Shams, Australia
Abhishek Shankar, India
Rachael Sharp, Australia
Aron Kumar Singh, India
Uma Singh, India
Catriona Smith, United Kingdom
Caroline Spekssnijder, Netherlands
Ann Stephen, United Kingdom
Jane Stidworthy, Australia
Jordan Stinson, Canada
Richard Straube, United States
Merrille Sulistio, Australia
Christine Svendsen, Denmark
Viki Tai, Australia
Karen Taylor, Australia
Elena Tenaglia, Australia
Cy Oun Teoh, Malaysia
Petra Tesaroava, Czech Republic
Darshit Thaker, Australia
Pragvathakur, India
Jayne Treagust, Australia
Lindy Turner, Australia
Leletia Tynh, United Kingdom
Rebecca Vasconalos, United States
Germana Victor, Brazil
Adam Walczak, Australia
Xiao-Jing Wang, United States
Alicia Ward, Australia
Tamara Wasser, Israel
Susanne Webb, Australia
Henry Welgemocd, South Africa
Sarah Weinham, Australia
Margaret Whibley, United Kingdom
Bonnie Wiggins, Australia
Penny Williamson, Australia
Gail Wilmot, Australia
Min Min Win, Australia
Maria Aheria Wirjaksana, Indonesia
Joanne Woodlands, Australia
Yanni Wu, China
David Wyld, Australia
Yan Yu, China
Chunlan Zhou, China