Welcome to the April Edition of the Society News

Message from the New Editor, Toni Clark

With this issue, I am pleased to assume the role of Editor of the MASCC Society News. I joined MASCC in September 2014, when I was hired to help develop new content for the MASCC website. I’m now honored to be able to serve as the Society News Editor, as well. I hold advanced degrees in English and Experimental Psychology and have worked for many years as a medical writer and editor in academic settings, grant-funded research centers, and the health information technology industry in the U.S.

I invite all members to send in news items masccnews@mascc.org. These can be recent achievements, such as awards or prizes, grants, publications, research initiatives, upcoming conferences and other events, and any media coverage related to supportive care in cancer. If you have any questions, you can also reach me at tclark@mascc.org. I look forward to hearing from you!

In the News this month, we are pleased to announce that the revised MASCC/ISOO Clinical Practice Guidelines for Management of Mucositis Secondary to Cancer Therapy are now listed with the US National Guideline Clearinghouse. We list upcoming conferences and workshops, and we announce MASCC’s search for an Annual Meeting Program Manager. Beginning with this issue, we will no longer list members’ publications, since it is difficult to be both current and all-inclusive. Instead, we introduce a new monthly feature: a listing of new MASCC members. This month, we welcome members from Australia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Germany, India, Mexico, the Russian Federation, the United States, and Uzbekistan.

As always, you can find the current and older issues of the MASCC Society News online at www.mascc.org/newsletters or in the back pages of our journal, Supportive Care in Cancer.

I join you all in thanking Anna Boltong and Anna Ugalde for their years of excellent service to MASCC as Editors of the Society News!

MASCC Seeks an Annual Meeting Project Manager

MASCC is in search of a Project Manager for the MASCC Annual Meeting. This position, expected to take 1 to 2 days a week, involves oversight of the MASCC Annual Meeting, including managing timelines and budget, managing the external meeting planning company to ensure completion of contracted work, and travel to the Annual Meeting held internationally. The Project Manager reports to the Executive Director. The ideal applicant will have the experience in the following areas:

- Planning, monitoring, and managing meeting activities
- International conference organization
- Liaising with and overseeing meeting organizers, monitoring contracts, preparing meeting budgets, implementing standard operating procedures.

MASCC, an equal opportunity employer, offers a global work environment, a challenging intellectual focus on cancer care, job flexibility, and competitive compensation. If you are interested in working for MASCC or know of an ideal candidate for this position, contact MASCC Executive Director Åge Schultz at aschultz@mascc.org or on tel. +452054 8620.
MASCC/ISOO Clinical Practice Guidelines for Management of Mucositis Included in the US National Guideline Clearinghouse

The MASCC/ISOO Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Mucositis Secondary to Cancer Therapy are now included in the National Guideline Clearinghouse™ (NGC). The NGC is a database of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and related documents, maintained as a public resource by the US Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services. Inclusion in the NGC is contingent on meeting rigorous criteria, including evidence of a systematic literature review, systematically developed recommendations for optimal care in specific clinical circumstances, and an assessment of the benefits and harms of recommended care.

The NGC carries the latest update of MASCC Guidelines, as published by Rajesh Lalla et al. in Cancer in May, 2014. The first set of MASCC/ISOO Mucositis Guidelines was published in the journal Cancer in 2004 and last updated in 2006-2007. These Guidelines represent a major accomplishment of the Mucositis Study Group of MASCC/ISOO. The preparation included a comprehensive, systematic review of the literature related to mucositis and the development of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. The reviews included literature on mucositis interventions, pathogenesis, and the risk of oral and gastrointestinal mucosal injury associated with targeted cancer therapies. The Study Group is chaired by Rajesh V. Lalla, with Joanne M. Bowen and Sharon Elad serving as Co-chairs.

The 2014 summary paper published in Cancer 2014* is available via open access and also on the MASCC website. At the website, follow the Guidelines and Tools link to the MASCC/ISOO Mucositis Guidelines page for a list of publications that describe detailed results for different categories of mucositis interventions.


ASCO Launches Journal of Global Oncology

The American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) has announced its new Journal of Global Oncology (JGO). This peer-reviewed, open-access, online-only journal will focus on cancer care, research, and care delivery issues unique to countries and settings with limited healthcare resources. David Kerr, MD, DSc, has been appointed founding Editor-in-Chief. Dr. Kerr, a Past President of the European Society of Medical Oncology, is Professor of Cancer Medicine at the university of Oxford, an Honorary Consultant Medical Oncologist at Oxford University Hospitals Trust, and an Adjunct Professor of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City.

World Health Organization’s Global Cancer Country Profiles

The World Health Organization has launched Global Cancer Country Profiles, a reference that provides a way to synthesize information on the status of cancer prevention and control worldwide. Each Profile includes data on cancer mortality and incidence, risk factors, availability of cancer country plans, monitoring and surveillance, primary prevention policies, screening, treatment, and palliative care. The purpose is to create a global baseline for monitoring trends and to assess the progress of various countries in addressing cancer and noncommunicable diseases. More information about this initiative, as well as 2014 country profiles, is available on the Cancer Country Profiles page at www.who.int/cancer and can also be downloaded as applications for iOS and Android devices.

Cancer Survivorship Course Offered by the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO)

A Cancer Survivorship course will be offered by the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO), May 14-16, 2015, in Brussels. The course will focus on general and organ-specific aspects of adverse events associated with cancer therapies, including radiotherapy, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy. It is intended primarily for trainees in radiation oncology, supportive care personnel and radiation oncologists early in their career, as well as professionals who wish to update their knowledge in these areas. The course will focus on clinical applications and is taught by a team of radiation oncologists, psychologists, and radiobiologists. For further information and to register, visit the ESTRO website: www.estro.org.
**APRIL EVENTS**

**Asian Oncology Summit / OOTR Conference**
The 7th Asian Oncology Summit will be held on April 10-12 in Shanghai, China, alongside the 11th Annual Conference of the Organisation for Oncology and Translational Research. Among many others, this year’s topics include palliative care and supportive oncology. For information and registration: [www.asianoncologysummit.com](http://www.asianoncologysummit.com).

**European Lung Cancer Conference**
The 5th annual European Lung Cancer Conference will be held on April 15-18 in Geneva, Switzerland. This year’s themes include the role of surgery, refining radiotherapy, ablative strategies in oncogene-driven tumors, immunotherapy, the expanding role of biomarkers for NSCLC, and new approaches in SCLC and mesothelioma. For information and registration: [www.esmo.org](http://www.esmo.org).

**American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting**
The AACR will hold its annual meeting on April 18-22 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA. This year’s theme is “Bringing Cancer Discoveries to Patients.” For more information and registration: [www.aacr.org](http://www.aacr.org).

**International Carbonic Anhydrase Conference**
The 10th Carbonic Anhydrase meeting will be held on April 20-22 in Maastricht, The Netherlands. The focus of the meeting is clinical and experimental radiation oncology and biology. For information and registration: [www.carbonicanhydrasemaastricht.info](http://www.carbonicanhydrasemaastricht.info).

**Oncology Nursing Society Annual Congress**
The Oncology Nursing Society will hold its 40th Annual Congress on April 23-26 in Orlando, Florida, USA. The wide range of presentation and poster topics includes cancer genetics, palliative care, neurotoxicity, and skin reactions, as well as treatment, environmental, and ethical issues. For information and registration: congress.ons.org.

**ESTRO Forum**
The 3rd European Society for Radiotherapy & Oncology Forum will be held on April 24-28 in Barcelona, Spain. The forum comprises five different meetings and focuses on the latest advances in radiation oncology. It includes numerous interdisciplinary sessions for clinicians, physicists, brachytherapists, radiobiologists, and radiation therapists. For information and registration: [www.estro.org](http://www.estro.org).

**CancerCare Connect: April Workshops**
- Progress in the Treatment of Multiple Myeloma, April 2, 1:30-2:30 pm, Eastern
- Healthy Eating and Managing Weight Changes During Cancer Treatment, April 13, 1:30-2:30 pm, Eastern
- Medical Update on Ovarian Cancer, April 28, 1:30-2:30 pm, Eastern
These workshops are free of charge and can be accessed by telephone or webcast. For information and registration: [www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org).

**EMSOS Annual Meeting**
The European Musculo-Skeletal Oncology Society will hold its 28th annual meeting on April 29-May 1 in Athens, Greece. The program will cover numerous topics in musculoskeletal oncology, including new therapies and minimally invasive treatments, tumors of the spine, pelvis, and upper and lower extremities, pediatric sarcomas, and reconstructive options. For information and registration: [www.emsos.org](http://www.emsos.org).

**DEADLINES**

**Early Registration Deadline for the World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer: April 9**
The 17th World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer will be held on July 1-4 in Barcelona, Spain. For information and registration: [www.worldgicancer.com](http://www.worldgicancer.com).

**Early Registration Deadline for the ASCO Annual Meeting 2015: April 22**
The American Society of Clinical Oncology will hold its 2015 meeting on May 29 - June 2 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. This year’s theme is Illumination & Innovation: Transforming Data Into Learning. For information and registration: [www.am.asco.org](http://www.am.asco.org).

**Early Registration Deadline for the MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting 2015: April 24**
The 2015 MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting will be held on June 25-27 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The program is filled with sessions on supportive care, including the management of nausea and vomiting in advanced cancer, the use of cannabinoids in cancer therapy, e-health and supportive care, supportive care of the elderly, and a discussion of euthanasia.
New MASCC Members

MASCC welcomes the following new members who joined us in January.

- Srinivasan Balasubramanian, India
- José Francisco, Colombia
- Andrea Barsevick, United States
- Alexia Murphy, Australia
- Holly Elliott, Australia
- Erin Newton, United States
- Sara Fredshund, Denmark
- Tatiana Nikitina, Russian Federation
- Ajay Gogia, India, Physician
- John Patlan, United States
- Wilfried Hoffmann, Germany
- Aaron Stocknik, United States
- Lorben Lopez, Mexico
- Romany Stansborough, Australia
- Makhsud Mallae4, Uzbekistan
- Martin Stockler, Australia
- Braun Mark-Steven, Germany
- Alejandro Vargas-Bermudez, Costa Rica

MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting 2015
Join us in Copenhagen!

Early registration deadline: April 24, 2015

The MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting 2015 will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from June 25 to 27, 2015. In addition to a broad range of scientific sessions, workshops will be offered on the following topics: Mucositis Research, Dysphasia, Anemia, and Cancer-Related Fatigue, and Challenges in Providing Excellent Cancer Care to Underserved Populations.

Have any news items to share?

Please send contributions for the MASCC News to MASCCnews@mascc.org or to Tomi Clark, Editor at tclark@mascc.org

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