Participants of the World Oncology Forum are raising the alarm about the increasing devastation caused by cancer across the world, and calling on governments and policy makers to pursue new strategies to avoid an impending epidemic.

The number of men, women and children who die from cancer every year is set to double over 25 years; the worst affected communities will be the ones least equipped to detect and treat the disease and care for patients. Current strategies for controlling cancer are clearly not working: preventable cancers are not being prevented; patients are suffering and dying unnecessarily from cancers that are detectable and treatable; and the model for developing effective new curative therapies is not fit for purpose.

The World Oncology Forum, a closed meeting of 100 top international cancer experts and leading journalists, is calling for determined global action on a set of strategies that have been shown to work and are achievable everywhere in the world. Acting now is essential to ensure governments deliver on the promise they made at the World Health Assembly 2012 to reduce premature deaths from non-communicable diseases by 25% by 2025. Delivering on that promise would save 1.5 million people every year from suffering and dying unnecessarily from cancer.

You can find out more about the World Oncology Forum and the 10-point action plan at www.worldoncologyforum.org
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Welcome to the 2013 calendar of ESO events! 2013 will be mostly characterized by the 12th edition of our Masterclass in Clinical Oncology in Ermatingen, Switzerland and the 3rd edition of the Masterclass for the Balkans and Eastern Europe in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

In November our attention will be focussed on ABC2, the second edition of our Conference on Advanced Breast Cancer in Lisbon, one of ESO signature conferences. Also in November the first session of the ESO new programme on survivorship will be held.

In the meantime, more e-learning, more masterclasses, including the third edition for the Balkan Region, advanced courses and seminars in the Caspian Region and in the Arab world, new activities in prostate cancer and the Advanced Breast Cancer Second International Consensus Conference (ABC2), more media events, more patient advocacy and further collaboration with ECCO, EONS, ESMO, ESOP, ESSO, OECI and UICC.

Looking forward to meeting you at one of the ESO events, in person or online,

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ZOOM TO 2013

MASTERCLASSES

23-28 February 2013
2nd ESO-ESSO Masterclass in Colorectal Cancer Surgery
Ljubljana, Slovenia

16-21 March 2013
12th ESO-ESMO Masterclass in Clinical Oncology
Ermatingen, Switzerland

16-21 March 2013
6th ESO-EONS Masterclass in Oncology Nursing
Ermatingen, Switzerland

21-25 October 2013
ESOP-ESO Advanced Masterclass in Oncology Pharmacy
Dresden, Germany

ADVANCED COURSES, SEMINARS AND SYMPOSIA

10-11 May 2013
5th Clinical Oncology Update - Onkologia 2013
Kraków, Poland

15-17 June 2013
Leukaemia and Lymphoma
Ascona, Switzerland

20-26 July 2013
10th ESO-ESMO Course on Oncology for Medical Students
Ioannina, Greece

29-30 November 2013
Gene Profiling in Clinical Oncology
Istanbul, Turkey

INSIDE TRACK CONFERENCES

5 October 2013
3rd MAYMET-ESO Joint Meeting “Professionalism for Breast Surgeons”
Istanbul, Turkey

1 November 2013
ESO Session held within the Argentinian Congress of Hematology featuring the Santiago Pavlovsky Memorial Lecture
Mar del Plata, Argentina

5-6 November 2013
ESO-OECI Symposium and Academy Workshop on Cancer Survivorship held at the International Psycho-Oncology Society’s 15th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy
Rotterdam, The Netherlands

7-9 November 2013
ABC2 - Advanced Breast Cancer Second International Consensus Conference
Lisbon, Portugal
### BALKAN REGION PROGRAMME

- **28-29 March 2013**
  - *Visiting Professorship on Lung Cancer*
    - Belgrade, Serbia

- **26-28 April 2013**
  - *Women’s Cancers*
    - Ribarska Banja, Serbia

- **8-12 May 2013**
  - *3rd Balkan and Eastern European Masterclass in Clinical Oncology*
    - Dubrovnik, Croatia

- **2-3 October 2013**
  - *Visiting Professorship on Gynaecological Cancers*
    - Belgrade, Serbia

### EASO EVENTS

- **17-18 January 2013**
  - *EASO Session on Breast Cancer during the 5th BGICC*
    - Cairo, Egypt

- **27 April 2013**
  - *EASO Session on Lymphoma and Multiple Myeloma during the 13th Pan Arab cancer Congress*
    - Amman, Jordan

- **17-18 May 2013**
  - *EASO Course on Paediatric Oncology*
    - Cairo, Egypt

- **25-26 October 2013**
  - *EASO Course on Lights and Shadows in the Management of Prostate Cancer*
    - Marrakech, Morocco

- **14-15 November 2013**
  - *Middle East Seminar in Clinical Oncology*
    - Alexandria, Egypt

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Certificate of Competence in Lymphoma
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- Clinical Training Centres
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### E-GRANDROUNDS AND E-ONCOREVIEWS

- **Weekly**
  - e-grandround (live on the internet)
    - see page 6

- **Monthly**
  - e-oncoreviews (live on the internet)
    - see page 6
DISTANCE LEARNING

The European School of Oncology in co-operation with Nature Reviews in Clinical Oncology and Critical Reviews in Oncology Hematology is holding a series of distance learning programmes on the Internet, called “e-sessions”: e-grandrounds® and e-oncoreviews®.

**e-grandrounds®**: are weekly sessions on hot-topics held every Thursday from 18.15 to 19.00 CET without commercial sponsorship and are CME and ESMO-MORA accredited.

**e-oncoreviews®**: are monthly sessions held on the 1st Tuesday of every month from 18.15 to 19.00 CET designed to offer a balance and comprehensive overview on a specific topic, be it a tumour type, a type of therapy, diagnostic or therapeutic approach.

The live e-sessions allow the highest level of interaction between the participant, the expert and the discussant, whilst further participants can join the recorded session which remains available for 6 months.

**e-sessions Dedicated Team of Discussants**

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The Masterclass offers plenary lectures focusing on the state-of-the-art treatments and concluding with take-home messages, full involvement of participants with case presentations, research proposals and interactive discussion with the faculty. All participants will reside at the course venue and their participation is compulsory throughout the course, with its approximately 40 hours of programme. The masterclass will be entirely in English and fluency in English is compulsory for admission.

Learning objectives:
- A 5-day residential educational event
- Full immersion
- Clinically-oriented
- Multidisciplinary, to cover pathology, staging and imaging, biology, physics, technologies with an overview on medical and surgical oncology

Main topics:
- Lung cancer
- Prostate cancer
- Head and neck cancer
- Colorectal cancer

Participant’s profile
- Age between 30 and 45 years
- Knowledge at least 3 yrs experience in clinical radiation oncology or medical oncologists with basic knowledge in radiotherapy
- Involvement in scientific activities
- Fluency in English

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THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS PASSED
The Masterclass offers plenary lectures regarding state-of-the-art clinical evaluation and treatments with reference to clinical guidelines and which will conclude in take-home messages. The Clinical Sessions will be complemented by Tumour Board discussions. Furthermore, participants will deliver case presentations within small groups and discuss these with the chairmen and the faculty.

All participants will reside at the course venue and participation is compulsory throughout the course. The Masterclass will be entirely in English and fluency in English is necessary for admission. Participants of the concomitant Masterclass in Nursing Oncology will attend selected medical sessions whilst the side effects, oral therapy and palliative care sessions will be attended jointly.

**Learning objectives:**
- Improve medical oncologists' skills
- Help in preparing for the national board exam
- Practising case discussion
- Deep focus on breast, gastro-intestinal, genitourinary, gynaecological, head and neck and lung cancers
- Compact update on haematological diseases, supportive care, treatment of melanoma, radiology for oncology, bone health and cancer, cancer of unknown primary, biology of cancer, oral therapy, pain control, survivorship and side effects and rare cancers

**Participant’s profile**
- Age between 30 and 40 years
- At least 2-3 years' experience in medical oncology or clinical oncology
- Involvement in scientific activities
- Fluency in English

The 2013 Masterclass is:

Held in collaboration with the Films Alumni Club

Part of the Master-Online Study Program in Advanced Oncology of the University of Ulm

**Main topics:**
- Breast cancer
- Gastro-intestinal tumours
- Genito-urinary cancers
- Gynaecological cancers
- Head and neck cancer
- Lung cancer and mesothelioma

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The Masterclass in Oncology Nursing programme is designed for advanced oncology nurses as a multi-professional joint event. Five intensive days of full immersion in up-to-date oncology will create a collective spirit of teaching and learning to improving clinical skills and patient care.

Nursing sessions are specific nursing-oriented sessions exploring specialist practice skills such as advanced assessment, decision making, communication skills, complex symptom management, care of the older patient, psychosocial consequences of cancer therapy. Other sessions will provide the forum for reviewing and understanding the growing evidence base for nursing interventions and reflect on participant’s role in clinical leadership.

In joint Clinical sessions, nurses will, together with physicians, update their clinical knowledge about the latest issues for the management of various cancers, with an international faculty of experts. Special joint sessions in supportive care and palliative care will be supported by workshops and coaching to explore nursing practice in these specialty areas.

Practical training will be offered in smaller group optional sessions and coaching groups focusing on skills required for the management of active therapy and follow up.

**Learning objectives:**

- Understand new developments in oncology disease management
- Recognise and describe acute and late adverse effects of cancer and its treatment
- Identify complex patient needs across the diagnostic and oncology treatment trajectory
- Demonstrate advanced communication skills in managing oncology nursing care
- Critically appraise the evidence for cancer symptom management and intervention
- Reflect on theoretical underpinnings of decision making
- Describe the role of the advanced oncology nurse in leading clinical nursing care

**Participant’s profile**

- Nurse with a masters degree (obtained in the past 5 years) in nursing / oncology nursing or equivalent in the country of residence
- Person working at an advanced nursing practice level, and with at least 2-3 years of clinical oncology nursing practice
- Person involved in direct patient care, cancer nursing research, cancer nursing education (post-graduate and master level), or the management, organisation and coordination of cancer patient care
- Fluency in English (reading and speaking)
- Member of an EONS member society or individual member

**Main topics:**

- Management of the cancer patient
- Evidence based knowledge
- Effective symptom management and interventions
- Improve patient experience

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The Women’s cancers course will focus on the incidence and mortality of these malignancies, comparing the worldwide data with the percentages in Balkan countries, with the ultimate goal to improve the results in the region, from screening to oncologic treatment outcomes, and psychosocial support. The lecturers will be experts in their respective fields, and the participants will get new, updated knowledge and current guidelines, which would greatly help them to resolve the dilemmas they are faced with in their everyday work in screening, diagnosis and in treatment. An outline of new targeted therapies, already part of good clinical practice, or those expected in the near future will be presented.

**Learning objectives:**
- Acquisition of knowledge of the worldwide women cancer data (incidence, prevalence, mortality...) compared to the data for the Balkan region
- The participants should have be updated on the current guidelines concerning breast cancer screening and screening of cervical cancer; early diagnosis of breast cancer; cervical, endometrial, and ovarian cancer; genetic profiling; hereditary women cancers; oncologic treatments (surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and targeted therapy)
- Resolution of the most common everyday practice dilemmas through clinical cases
- Improved knowledge of psychosocial aspects of women’s cancers

**Main topics:**
- Breast cancer
- Gynecologic cancer (cervical, endometrial, and ovarian cancer)

**Participant’s profile**
- Postgraduate physicians working with cancer patients, representing a wide range of medical disciplines, such as medical oncology, surgery, gynaecology, genetics, pathology, radiology, radiotherapy, epidemiology, and psycho-oncology

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This clinically oriented residential educational programme has been designed for dedicated physicians wishing to improve their skills in the management of cancer patients. The ESO Balkan and Eastern European Masterclass is dedicated to clinicians who are specifically and almost exclusively dedicated to medical oncology, radiation oncology and surgical oncology. The programme will expose participants to a full spectrum of issues in clinical oncology and to practice-oriented training. The programme focuses on the most common malignancies. All participants will reside at the course venue and participation is compulsory throughout the course. The Masterclass will be entirely in English and fluent English is necessary for admission.

Learning objectives:
- A 5-day residential educational event
- Full immersion
- Clinically-oriented
- Multidisciplinary, to cover pathology, staging and imaging, biology, physics, technologies with an overview on medical and surgical oncology

Main topics:
- Lung cancers
- GI cancers
- Breast cancer
- Palliative care

Participant’s profile
- Age up to 40 years
- At least 3 years’ experience mainly in clinical oncology or medical oncology
- Involvement in scientific activities
- Fluency in English

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The Conference offers plenary lectures delivered by the leading experts in the field, focusing on the state-of-the-art therapies and concluding with take-home messages. Lectures will cover the current standards of modern oncology, with special attention paid to practical aspects of effective cancer treatment.

On Friday, 10 May, an interdisciplinary course will be held for physicians specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer – radiologists, surgeons, and oncologists. The lectures will be focused on problem-solving in daily practice. Other clinically-oriented issues will be discussed on that day, too.

On Saturday, 11 May, the leading European experts, invited jointly by ESO and Medycyna Praktyczna - Onkologia, will deliver lectures on practical clinical issues, such as management of patients with liver tumors (primary and metastatic), new strategies in advanced gastric cancer patients and in breast cancer treatment in the light of the updated Sankt Gallen 2013 Conference, etc.

The lectures on both days will be interactive – an electronic system will allow participants to answer the questions, solve the quizzes and join the speakers in clinical case discussions.

The Conference will be entirely in English (or in other languages, but simultaneously translated into English).

Learning objectives:
- State-of-art lectures
- Clinical problems solving with interactive voting system
- Vivid discussions
- Clinically-oriented subjects
- Multidisciplinary program (from diagnostics to follow-up)

Main topics:
- Lung cancer
- Liver metastases
- Hepatocellular carcinoma
- Breast Cancer
- Gastric cancer

Participant’s profile
- Medical oncologists as well as radiation and surgical oncologists
- Other medical specialties involved in cancer care (e.g. radiologists, pathologists etc.)
- Medical students
- Fluency in English

DEADLINE:
EARLY REGISTRATION: 1 APRIL 2013

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The course offers state-of-the-art plenary lectures focusing on the pathology, specific clinical features and treatment options in leukaemias and lymphomas. Important features of the course are the interactive expert seminars in small groups where cases are discussed, and suitable diagnostic or therapeutic solutions worked out in each of them. Interactive discussion with the faculty is possible not only after lectures and during seminars, but also informally during breaks and at meal times. All participants will reside at or close to the course venue and their participation is compulsory throughout the course. The course will be held in English.

Learning objectives:

- Learn or reinforce knowledge on modern diagnostic tools in haemato-oncology
- Understand the molecular pathology of leukaemia and lymphoma
- Retain the salient clinical features of important lymphoma or leukaemia entities
- Discuss and weigh evidence favouring particular treatment options in haematological oncology
- Learn how to handle complications of treatment for lymphoma and leukaemia

Main topics:

- Basics in haemato-oncology
- Lymphoma
- Myeloma
- Leukaemias
- Troublesome immunoglobulins

Participant’s profile

- Postgraduate medical doctors interested in haematological oncology
- Clinicians or pathologists etc., and oncology/haematology trainees
- Scientists (PhD) but please note that the course will emphasise clinical aspects rather than basic biology.

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REGISTRATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS

An intensive and interactive course held in co-operation with and preceding the 12th International Conference on Malignant Lymphoma
Although cancer is a major problem, undergraduate education on cancer medicine is still not uniform or well organized in many medical schools worldwide. It has been recognized that a complete and proper teaching portfolio should include learning on cancer control (epidemiology, prevention and screening), clinical skills, patients communications skills and palliative care. The principle philosophy of this course is to introduce medical students to the major aspects on clinical oncology. The first day of the course is mainly dedicated to basic principles of cancer treatment, whereas the rest of the days are dealing with the diagnosis and therapeutic management of the most common tumours. The teaching is interactive with clinical case presentations and an exam every day. Adequate educational material is provided to the students. Distinguished professors from various European and non European universities are invited to teach. The duration of the course is 5-full days.

Learning objectives:
- Basics of Cancer Therapeutics
- Clinical Overview, Diagnosis and Treatment of Common Tumours
- Supportive and Palliative Treatment

Main topics:
- Basics in surgical oncology
- Basics in radiation oncology
- Basics in systemic treatment (chemotherapy, hormonotherapy, immunotherapy)
- Supportive and palliative care
- Introduction to clinical trials
- Head and neck cancer
- Breast cancer
- Gynaecological cancers (ovarian, uterus, cervix)
- Gastrointestinal cancers (gastric, colorectal, pancreas, hepatobiliary)
- Lung cancer
- Lymphomas
- Urogenital cancers (prostate, testicular)

Participant's profile:
- Sixth-year medical students
- Forty medical students selected by ESO Committee

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In addition to the 3rd Balkan and Eastern European Masterclass in Clinical Oncology (see page 11) and the Women’s cancers (see page 10), a visiting professorship programme will be held in several countries of the region.

The programme will include:

- **Visiting Professorship on Lung Cancer**
  28-29 March 2013 - Belgrade, Serbia  
  **Visiting Professor:** R. Popescu, Hirslanden Klinik Aarau, CH  
  **Host Chair:** D. Jovanovic, University Hospital of Pulmonology, Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade, RS

- **Visiting Professorship on Gynaecological Cancers**
  2-3 October 2013 - Belgrade, Serbia  
  **Host Chair:** V. Kesic, Inst. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Clinical Center of Serbia, Belgrade, RS

- **Visiting Professorship on Renal Cancer**
  Dates to be confirmed - Cluj, Romania  
  **Visiting Professor:** D. Berthold, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois, Lausanne, CH  
  **Host Institute:** Oncology Institute „Prof. Dr. Ion Chiricuţă”, Cluj, RO

**Sharing Progress in Cancer Care programme (SPCC) is a pioneering partnership between the European School of Oncology and some of the world’s leading pharmaceutical companies. GlaxoSmithKline, sustaining member of the SPCC programme, has provided a grant towards ESO for this programme. GlaxoSmithKline has exercised no, and has no right to exercise any, editorial control over the programme, its content or speakers.**

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The Meeting will focus on topics about professional attitudes at every step of breast care. Educational, key-note and state-of-art lectures will follow interactive panel discussions with invited faculty. The lectures will cover 6 professional competencies including ethical challenges and consent taking, preoperative decision making, preoperative patient preparation, operating room preparations, handling intraoperative clinical challenges and immediate postoperative attitudes with reporting skills. Language of the meeting will be English.

Learning objectives:

- Define and implement professional behaviour patterns during preoperative period
- Describe non-technical skills for surgeons before and after surgery
- Understand communication skills at a clinical environment
- Implement teamwork
- Explain and practice situation awareness in clinical grounds
- List the requirements for good clinical reporting
- Describe leadership and understand its importance for efficient health service

Participant’s profile

- Age between 25 and 45 years
- Having at least 3 years experience in general or breast surgery
- Current involvement in surgical activities
- Residents may apply
- Fluency in English

Main topics:

- Ethical challenges
- Consent taking
- Clinical challenges in decision making
- Communication and teamwork
- Professional attitudes in OR
- Reporting skills

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DEADLINE:
APPLICATION: 31 JULY 2013

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3RD MAYMET-ESO JOINT MEETING
“PROFESSIONALISM FOR BREAST SURGEONS”
5 October 2013 - Istanbul, Turkey

Scientific Coordinator: B.M. Gulluoglu, TR
The Advanced Masterclass will be mainly based on clinical cases covering the majority of diseases and pharmaceutical cases which can occur in the clinical setting. Some cases will be focused on less common cancer entities such as haematological malignancies, paediatric cancer, cancer of geriatric patients, treatment of patients with organ dysfunctions (renal, liver, cardiac, etc.) and rare cancers.

The hematopoietic stem cell transplant patients shall be also covered. Clinical cases should familiarise the oncology pharmacist to complex situations where pharmaceutical expertise is required to improve the treatment (toxicities and their management, symptom management, drug interactions of anticancer agents, management of side-effects, etc.), oncological emergencies and patient counseling.

Current practice, recent advances and emerging therapies as well as case studies highlighting pertinent issues shall be introduced. Pharmaceutical situation shall also refer to the content of prior levels like problems concerning drug stability, physico-chemical compatibility and their possible effects on the patient’s therapy.

**Learning objectives:**

- To actively participate with the medical team to the initial management of a cancer patient whatever the tumor location, i.e. definition of the best chemotherapy and the appropriate support treatment, especially based on pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and pharmacogenetics considerations
- To furnish to medical team and nurses all relevant information about new anticancer treatments, their administration and side-effects with a specific concern on pharmaceutical problems such as stability issues
- To manage the potential side-effects of the treatment by the definition of an appropriate prevention plan and their follow-up, especially for out-patients receiving oral anticancer therapies
- To propose a relevant educational plan for the patient (and its family), related to its treatment, with particular focus on the prevention of drug/drug and drug/food interactions
- Drug interactions of anticancer agents
- Oncological emergencies
- Patient counseling
- Clinical trials
- Research
- Collective prescription process
- Drug and therapeutic committee
- Pharmaco-economics

**Participant’s profile**

The Advanced Masterclass is tailored for experienced cancer service pharmacists who would like to enhance their knowledge in specific or specialized areas. It is highly recommended that participants have attended both the Basic and the Intermediate Masterclass and have already acquired substantial professional experience as a pharmacist specialized in oncology. In addition, a case report from their own practice is to be submitted, which will be discussed during the Masterclass. The involvement in scientific activities will be considered in the applications selection. Besides, fluency in English will be required.

**Main topics:**

- Clinical cases covering the majority of the diseases and pharmaceutical cases that can occur in the clinical setting
- The hematopoietic stem cell transplant patient and other complex situations
- Toxicities and symptom management

**DEADLINE:**

**APPLICATION:** 30 JULY 2013

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The plenary session is held within the Argentinian Congress of Hematology on 1 November and will provide two lectures focusing on the state-of-the art in the diagnosis and treatment of lymphoproliferative diseases.

**Learning objectives:**
- Clinically oriented
- Focus on recent strategies and difficult situations
- Aimed to provide useful take home messages from experienced physicians
- Clinical cases will be discussed with the experts and the participants

**Main topics:**
- Dr. Santiago Pavlovsky Memorial Lecture: Treatment strategies in marginal zone lymphoma
- How have we advanced in the treatment of Hodgkin’s lymphoma?
- Clinical case discussions

**Participant’s profile**
- Experienced physicians with a special interest in onco-hematology

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The Symposium on Cancer Survivorship will be held on 6 November 2013 during the 15th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy and will address the following topics:

- Interventions for psychological well-being
- Behavioral and lifestyle changes after cancer
- Employment and work-related issues in cancer survivorship
- Survivorship care planning

The Academy Workshop on Cancer Survivorship which will be held on 5 November 2013 will cover the same topics in more detail and will provide participants greater opportunity to interact and enter into discussion with the symposium speakers/workshop leaders.

**Learning objectives:**

- Understanding of physical, psychosocial, behavioral and organizational issues involved in cancer survivorship research and care
- Identify gaps where additional evidence is needed for care provision
- Models of survivorship care and service delivery
- Integrating survivorship issues into clinical practice
- Oriented to both clinicians and researchers

**Main topics:**

- Long-term and late physical health effects of cancer
- Psychosocial issues in cancer survivorship
- Behavioral interventions in cancer survivorship
- Survivorship care planning and service models

**Attendance:**

Attendance to the Symposium is granted to all participants registered to the 15th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology. Attendance to the Academy Workshop requires separate registration. Please note that attendance is limited and registration will be received on a first-come/first-served basis.

**Participant’s profile**

- Clinicians, nurses, psychosocial workers and other ancillary health care providers working with cancer survivors
- Researchers interested in cancer survivorship issues

**DEADLINE:**

**EARLY REGISTRATION:** 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

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The 1st International Consensus Conference for Advanced Breast Cancer (ABC1), which took place in Lisbon, Portugal in November 2011, brought together 800 participants from 64 countries worldwide to develop a set of consensus guidelines for the management of advanced breast cancer (ABC). Participants – including health professionals, patient advocates and journalists – agreed to a series of guidelines, which are based on the most up-to-date evidence and can be used to guide treatment decision making in diverse health care settings globally.

ABC Consensus Conferences have the ambitious goal of improving outcomes for all patients with advanced breast cancer. We believe that, backed by strong political advocacy, ABC guidelines will raise standards of care, improve awareness about how best to meet the needs of this underserved group of patients, and help identify research priorities so that clinical research is focused on the most important areas of unmet need. The guidelines developed at ABC1 have been welcomed by a broad spectrum of professional and patient organizations active in breast cancer setting. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that the ABC2 guidelines will be developed in co-operation with ESMO and will be endorsed by EUSOMA, FLAM and SIS. The encouragement and positive feedback we have received from individual patients and professionals has emphasised the importance of this initiative and reinforced our belief that this effort is worth pursuing in the long term.

**Learning objectives:**

- Develop the 2nd international consensus guidelines for the management of advanced breast cancer
- Update on advances in HER-positive, TN, and ER-positive advanced breast cancer.
- Update on clinically relevant advances in the field of advanced breast cancer research.
- Improve the management of inoperable locally advanced and inflammatory breast cancer.
- Improve the knowledge and skills in supportive and palliative care issues.

**Main topics:**

- Develop the 2nd international consensus guidelines for the management of advanced breast cancer
- Major advances since ABC1
- Inoperable locally advanced breast cancer, inflammatory and non-inflammatory.
- Specific populations such as male advanced breast cancer and BRCA-related advanced breast cancer
- Specific metastatic sites such as liver, brain and cutaneous metastases and management of malignant pleural effusions
- The role of mathematical and computer modelling in metastases research.
- Supportive and palliative care

Breast cancer patient advocacy programme

Representatives of breast cancer patient advocacy groups are warmly invited to participate in ABC2 and actively contribute to the ABC2 scientific programme and consensus sessions. Furthermore, in collaboration with several leading breast cancer patient advocacy groups worldwide, specific additional Meet the Expert sessions have been scheduled.

**DEADLINES:**

- **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:** 8 JULY 2013
- **EARLY REGISTRATION:** 19 AUGUST 2013
- **LATE REGISTRATION:** 21 OCTOBER 2013
- **ON-SITE REGISTRATION:** AFTER 21 OCTOBER 2013

The consensus guidelines for the management of advanced breast cancer that were developed at ABC1 (November 2011) are published in The Breast 21 (2012) 242-252 and are available at www.abc-lisbon.org (downloads).

The ABC1 guidelines are endorsed by SIS, the International Society of Senology (www.sisbreast.org)

The ABC2 guidelines will be developed by ESO and ESMO and will be published simultaneously in Annals of Oncology and The Breast, and endorsed by:

**Further information:**

Please visit the ABC dedicated website: www.abc-lisbon.org
The development of specific treatments, with an endocrine and now many other “targets” is revolutionizing cancer treatment. There is a clear need to define the disease of the patient more precisely. This event will try to find answers to questions such as which parameters are of importance for the efficacy of the treatment, or what can be asked from new methods, what do they brings today and what will they bring tomorrow.

**Learning objectives:**

- Increase knowledge on genomics research and its impact on cancer therapy response
- Learn more about applying clinical genomics to cancer

**Main topics:**

How to best characterize:
- Lung cancer
- Prostate cancer
- Breast cancer
- Colorectal cancer

**Sharing Progress in Cancer Care programme (SPCC)** is a pioneering partnership between the European School of Oncology (ESO) and some of the world’s leading pharmaceutical companies. This course is organized through an unrestricted grant provided by **Genomic Health**, sustaining member of the SPCC programme.

**DEADLINE:**
APPLICATION: 25 AUGUST 2013

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The Euro-Arab School of Oncology (EASO) is an exclusive initiative of the European School of Oncology (ESO) to promote and facilitate the cultural and educational exchange between Europe and the Arab world in the field of cancer medicine. This initiative is developed in collaboration with National Cancer Institute (NCI - www.nci.edu.eg), Cairo University and the Arab Medical Association Against Cancer (AMAAC - www.amaac.info).

It is an independent international cultural body, which operates free from any commercial influence. Its headquarters and operating centers are in Milan and Cairo (National Cancer Institute).

**The Mission:**

EASO seeks to help ensure that expertise and the most up-to-date knowledge in the field of cancer prevention and cure is rapidly spread out throughout the Arab World, by developing a web of scientific relationships and collaborations between cancer specialists in European and Arab countries.

Countries and communities vary in the prevalence of different cancers, and in their culture and their economic conditions. EASO seeks to tune its activities to the specific characteristics and priorities of each of the countries involved.

**The Objectives:**

- To foster a process of cross-fertilization between the Arab and the European medical knowledge in the cancer field.
- To encourage networking among the Arab countries and original research in cancer medicine, more tailored to the local reality.
- To expose European oncologists to new clinical situations and research issues.

**The Common Values:**

- Fair partnership
- Freedom from commercial influence (sponsors are accepted but in limited proportion)
- Flexibility in organisation without geographic limitations
- Open exchange of views
- Non denominational approach

**EASO Activities in 2013**

- **EASO Session on Breast Cancer** during the 5th BGICC
  17-18 January 2013, Cairo, Egypt

- **EASO Session on Lymphoma and Multiple Myeloma** during the 13th Pan Arab Cancer Congress
  27 April 2013, Amman, Jordan

- **EASO Course on Paediatric Oncology**
  17-18 May 2013, Cairo, Egypt

- **EASO Course on Lights and Shadows in the Management of Prostate Cancer**
  25-26 October 2013, Marrakech, Morocco, Morocco

- **Middle East Seminar in Clinical Oncology**
  14-15 November 2013, Alexandria, Egypt

**Further information:**

For further information, please contact: easo@eso.net

Frequent updates and information regarding EASO’s activities are available on EASO website www.easoncology.net.
The European School of Oncology in co-operation with Ulm University is presenting a structured Certificate of Competence in Lymphoma Programme, an academically recognised curriculum of studies, that was developed with the contribution of internationally recognised physicians and scientists in the field of haemato-oncology.

Programme

The Programme, which is offered on a part-time basis using blended-learning modules and seminars, is divided in three attendance seminars and four e-learning modules. Over the duration of 14 months, the Programme provides a total of 405 hours of comprehensive learning, accordingly reported with a workload of 14 European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System Points (ECTS) by Ulm University. Three attendance seminars (2 seminars in Switzerland and 1 seminar in Germany) represent 75 hours of workload and 3 ECTS, and four e-learning modules represent 330 hours, reported with 11 ECTS.


Eligibility

The Programme is designed for oncologists and haematologists (medical oncology, haematology, internal medicine, radiation oncology, pathology), but it is equally accessible to graduates in natural sciences who are engaged in the field of oncology, especially in the field of lymphoma.

Admission and deadlines

Admission to the Certificate of Competence in Lymphoma Programme is by competitive application only and the selection will be based on the eligibility criteria and selection procedure. Applications will be considered if received completed with all required documents and within the deadline. Attendance is limited to 20 participants.

Applications for admission to the second edition will be available through the online application system and the deadline will be September 2014.

Certificate

Upon successful completion of the Programme, participants will obtain an academic certificate issued by the European School of Oncology and Ulm University assigning 14 ECTS and a diploma supplement by Ulm University.

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One of the major drives in cancer care remains a reduction of variability in outcome between countries, as well as within regions in each country. As an evolution of the Clinical Fellowship Programme, ESO recognises that both observership and “hands on” teaching at the bedside, in the context of working in multidisciplinary teams, is an essential component of education and training in cancer care and herewith provides structured training programmes in centres of excellence.

Within the Clinical Training Centres programme, ESO intends to complement its existing educational offer by organising trainee oncologists of the future to spend a period of time in a clinical setting specially designed to address their needs and to encourage mobility within EU and different countries.

Reputable institutes have adhered and will provide environments in the form of Clinical Training Centres to fulfil this goal:

- Comprehensive Cancer Centre Ulm, Ulm, Germany
- European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy;
- Institut Gustave Roussy, Villejuif, France, under the umbrella of University Paris-Sud;
- Oncology Institute of Southern Switzerland, Bellinzona, Switzerland;
- St. Vincent’s University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, under the umbrella of the University College Dublin;
- The Royal Marsden, NHS Foundation Trust, London, United Kingdom

Details of the training programme offered by each centre can be found at www.eso.net

Enrolment:

Trainees can be enrolled on a 3 or 6 month basis at the host institute with a visiting observer status or a visiting practitioner status. The enrolment procedure is to be discussed directly with the host institute.

Visiting observership status:
Direct contact with patients is not foreseen. The host institute will relate with the trainee regarding enrolment procedure.

Visiting residency status:
The visiting residency status allows the trainee the direct contact with patients, which may be wished especially in the field of surgery. The enrolment procedure for practitioners varies for each Clinical Training Centre.

Grant:

ESO will refund travel costs and a monthly grant of EUR 2,300 in relation with visiting observership status and EUR 2,500 in relation with visiting practitioner status.

Application:

A pre-selection will be made on a competitive basis from among the submitted applications. Pre-selected candidates will be video interviewed by ESO and the host institute. The application deadline for training periods in 2014 is 16 September 2013.

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Every year the European School of Oncology gives a Best Cancer Reporter Award to a journalist who has demonstrated excellence in reporting cancer stories.

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The closing date for nominations is **30 April 2013**.

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Participants of the World Oncology Forum are raising the alarm about the increasing devastation caused by cancer across the world, and calling on governments and policy makers to pursue new strategies to avoid an impending epidemic.

The number of men, women and children who die from cancer every year is set to double over 25 years; the worst affected communities will be the ones least equipped to detect and treat the disease and care for patients. Current strategies for controlling cancer are clearly not working; preventable cancers are not being prevented; patients are suffering and dying unnecessarily from cancers that are detectable and treatable; and the model for developing effective new curative therapies is not fit for purpose.

The World Oncology Forum, a closed meeting of 100 top international cancer experts and leading journalists, is calling for determined global action on a set of strategies that have been shown to work and are achievable everywhere in the world. Acting now is essential to ensure governments deliver on the promise they made at the World Health Assembly 2012 to reduce premature deaths from non-communicable diseases by 25% by 2025. Delivering on that promise would save 1.5 million people every year from suffering and dying unnecessarily from cancer.

You can find out more about the World Oncology Forum and the 10-point action plan at www.worldoncologyforum.org