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Through its 24 Member Societies (see pages xiii–xxxiv) – representing over 50,000 professionals – ECCO is the only multidisciplinary organisation that connects and responds to all stakeholders in oncology Europe-wide.

ECCO is a non-profit association that exists to uphold the right of all European cancer patients to the best possible treatment and care, promoting interaction between all organisations involved in cancer research, education, treatment and care at European level.

It does this by creating awareness of patients’ needs and wishes, encouraging progressive thinking in cancer policy, training and education and promoting European cancer research through the organisation of international multidisciplinary meetings.

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ECCO Congresses and Conferences

ECCO advances European cancer research and its application through the organisation of international multidisciplinary meetings including the premier European cancer meetings: the joint ECCO–ESMO–ESTRO Multidisciplinary Congresses.

In addition ECCO organises meetings of excellence on behalf of some of its Member Societies. To heighten quality, attendance and exposure, ECCO is committed to supporting these educational opportunities through the provision of additional organisational, communication and marketing efforts.

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ECCO Public Affairs

ECCO is uniquely positioned to provide the voice of consensus of European oncology professionals and engage with policymakers to ensure that cancer stays at the top of the EU agenda.

Providing a rallying point for Europe’s community of oncology professionals, ECCO’s Public Affairs arm engages in oncopolicy: planned and sustained interaction with EU policymakers as well as third-party stakeholders to anticipate and proactively shape EU cancer health and research policy.

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ECCO Education

The ECCO Education Programme offers educational initiatives of multidisciplinary appeal that have been specifically tailored to meet the scientific, educational, and professional needs of oncology specialists. Of European focus and scope, the activities add value to the educational portfolio of ECCO’s member activities on the basis of the subsidiarity principle. Currently, there is a variety of educational formats including courses, fellowships and e-learning. Among these, the Elective Courses in Oncology for Medical Students, the Workshops on Methods in Clinical Cancer Research and Oncovideos are providing the European cancer community with further training opportunities at various career stages.

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ECCO disseminates scientific advancement, knowledge and insight through its official publication the *European Journal of Cancer* (EJC).

ECCO also publishes *EJC News* and *Pick of the Papers* on its website and supports the open access oncology journal ecancermedicalsociety.com – of which ECCO is founding partner.

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Following the philosophy that every cancer patient deserves the best, ECCO supports and promotes the activities of patient advocates and organisations to better respond to patients' needs and wishes.

ECCO's Patient Information section offers a broad selection of innovative, reliable, and up-to-date information on cancer-related issues collated to meet the needs of patient advocates and organisations including: *Spotlight on: in the news* features and commentary, *Advocates in action* reports and the *Presentations and Patients* section.

For further information visit: www.ecco-org.eu

Visit us at the ECCO booth C01:11 in the Exhibition Hall.