

## European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)



The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) is the leading European professional organisation, committed to advancing the specialty of medical oncology and promoting a multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment and care.

Since its founding in 1975 as a non-profit organisation, ESMO's mission has been to advance cancer care and cure. We achieve this through fostering and disseminating good science that leads to better medicine and determines best practice. In this way ESMO fulfils its goal to support oncology professionals in providing people with cancer with the most effective treatments available and the high-quality care they deserve.

The ESMO community is a powerful alliance of more than 7,000 committed oncology professionals from over 120 countries. As a trusted organisation with 35 years of experience and over 500 expert committee members, ESMO serves its members and the oncology community through:

- leadership in transforming evidence-based research into standards of cancer care in Europe
- dedicated efforts to foster a more favorable environment for scientific research
- innovative international platforms to share expertise, best practices and disseminate the most up-to-date scientific research to as wide an audience as possible.

ESMO's scientific journal, *Annals of Oncology*, ranks among the top clinical oncology journals worldwide. ESMO events are the meeting place in Europe for medical oncologists to update their knowledge, network and exchange ideas. ESMO also unites key oncology stakeholders and forges strategic partnerships to address critical issues related to the profession and practice of medical oncology. Recognised as an authoritative voice in the fight against cancer, ESMO is pleased to offer consultative expertise to oncology organisations and European authorities on important issues related to cancer research, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care.

Join the ESMO community today! Please visit **[www.esmo.org](http://www.esmo.org)** to learn more.

## European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology (ESTRO)



Since its foundation in 1980, ESTRO, the European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology, supports the role of radiation oncology in the multimodality treatment of cancer to improve patients' care.

With 5,000 members, the society endorses the importance of European and international cooperation to support and advance education, research and networking across all areas of radiation oncology. Thus ESTRO's principal objectives and activities are to:

- Promote the international exchange of scientific information, research and dissemination of outcomes on radiotherapy and oncology and related scientific fields;
- Organise congresses and conferences covering all aspects of radiation oncology and the multidisciplinary treatment of cancer. From major conferences with several thousand delegates to meetings for smaller, highly specialised groups, ESTRO can be relied upon to provide a state-of-the-art scientific programme;
- Provide educational courses and materials in radiation oncology to meet the needs for basic training and continuing professional development in radiotherapy and oncology. Whilst promoting multidisciplinary education in oncology, ESTRO School expands its activities in 2011 in developing e-learning facilities that provide electronic teaching resources for all oncology professionals;
- Establish relationships and network and encourage co-operation with international, national and regional societies as well as professional bodies and industry partners in the field of radiation oncology.

More information on **[www.estro.org](http://www.estro.org)**.

## European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO)



The European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) was founded in 1981 to advance the art, science and practice of surgery for the treatment of cancer. ESSO aims to promote the highest standards of surgical care in the management of patients with solid tumours. By facilitating the dissemination of knowledge and expertise, ESSO strives to ensure that the highest possible standard of surgical treatment is available to cancer patients throughout Europe. Furthermore, the society aims to optimise the clinical management of cancer patients through multidisciplinary collaboration.

### **Leading Education, Exchange and Debate**

By providing the European Surgical Oncology community with a wide range of educational opportunities and initiatives, ESSO contributes to the advancement of knowledge and expertise in oncology surgery and the clinical management of cancer patients:

- ESSO Congresses provide oncology surgeons with the most expansive and interconnective educational platform in Europe;
- The Training Fellowship Programme offered by ESSO gives young surgeons the opportunity to visit a specialist centre, expand experience, and acquire new insight;
- ESSO organises its own surgical-focused courses on specific tumours as well as multidisciplinary projects and courses in partnership with other leading organisations;
- ESSO offers Travel Fellowships to attend ESSO Congresses and the ECCO/AACR/EORTC/ESMO Workshop on Methods in Clinical Cancer Research;
- ESSO furthers education through the European Board of Surgery examination and Core Curriculum in Surgical Oncology;
- ESSO provides surgical expertise and support for surgical track of the European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress, of which ESSO is co-organiser;
- ESSO is actively involved in the promotion of quality assurance through the EURECCA (European Registration of Cancer Care) initiative.

*EJSO – the Journal of Cancer Surgery* is the Official Journal of the ESSO and the Association for Cancer Surgery (BASO–ACS). *EJSO* aims to educate and inform about the many subspecialty disciplines of cancer surgery. The journal publishes original scientific articles, reviews, clinical trials, and other relevant subject matter on a monthly basis.

All ESSO members enjoy a yearly subscription to *EJSO* and privileged access to the above activities, including special registration rates for the ESSO congress (ESSO 2012 Congress, 19–21 September 2012, Valencia) and the European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress.

To discover more about our community, activities, educational opportunities and membership benefits visit the ESSO stand located in the Exhibition Area (Stand C13:29) or the ESSO website at **[www.essoweb.org](http://www.essoweb.org)**. You can also contact the ESSO Secretariat at the following address:

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## European Association for Cancer Research (EACR)



With over 9,000 members, the European Association for Cancer Research (EACR) is Europe's largest member society for cancer research. The Association enjoys strong links with other European cancer societies and is a founding member of ECCO.

EACR has always had one guiding aim: The advancement of cancer research. In pursuing this aim, the Association provides services to members, presents educational, training and scientific meeting opportunities, and facilitates communication and collaboration between the cancer researchers who make up its membership. It also sets out to raise the profile of cancer research and cancer researchers in Europe and the need for sustained political and economic support.

The size and range of membership reflect the fact that EACR is an inclusive, multi-disciplinary organisation and maintains a very low membership subscription (40 EUR). Post-graduate students may obtain free membership for up to four years.

Researchers who are members of EACR affiliated 'National Societies' in Belgium (BACR), Britain (BACR), Croatia (HDIR), Denmark (DSCF), France (SFC), Germany (AEK), Hungary (MOT), Ireland (IACR), Israel (ICS), Italy (SIC), Spain (ASEICA) and Turkey (MOKAD) are members of EACR as part of the wider benefits of belonging to their national society.

All EACR members enjoy special registration rates for congresses in the EACR biennial congress series (EACR-22 in Barcelona 7–10 July 2012) and the biennial European Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress.

EACR travel fellowships, co-funded by the Association for International Cancer Research (AICR), have become increasingly popular over the last two years and the quality of applications is particularly high.

The Association also offers support and encouragement through Meeting Bursaries and Awards. Young researchers who have difficulty in securing funding to attend the EACR biennial congress or EACR Symposia are encouraged to apply for Meeting Bursaries.

EACR's most prestigious and valuable awards are the 'Mike Price Gold Medal' and the 'EACR Cancer Researcher Award'. The Mike Price Gold Medal is presented to a senior researcher who has made an exceptional contribution to cancer research in Europe; it will be presented for the first time at the EACR biennial congress in Barcelona 2012. The Cancer Researcher Award is presented annually at EACR and ECCO meetings to an outstanding researcher with no more than 15 years post doctoral experience.

EACR's Education Committee responds to members' needs through the organisation of focused special conferences. As a sponsoring agency, EACR also supports important scientific meetings and symposia organised in Europe.

**[www.eacr.org](http://www.eacr.org)**

## European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS)



*'Moving forward together to realise the potential of cancer nursing across Europe'*

### **Introduction**

The European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) has provided professional support to cancer nurses since 1984. Registered as an independent, non-profit organisation, EONS represents 31 National Societies and the voice of more than 22,000 cancer nurses from 28 European countries. With our headquarters in Brussels, EONS assists in the promotion of healthy European communities through the development of activities that educate, support and empower cancer nurses, enabling them to provide the best possible patient care.

### **Strategy**

By working collaboratively with cancer and healthcare organisations from around the globe, EONS delivers its CARE strategy (**C**ommunication, **A**dvocacy, **R**ealising your potential, **E**nhancing clinical practice) for its Members. Our activities enable oncology nurses, especially those working in developing countries, to stay connected to, and engaged with, the latest developments. EONS also brings the European oncology nurse's unique, practical viewpoint to education, research and policy debates. EONS, therefore, acts as a platform, giving voice to oncology nurses' needs, and offers them the tools to shape a healthier future for European citizens.

### **Communication**

Promoting a sense of community amongst cancer nurses across Europe is a central aim of our work and communication is central to this process. EONS cancer nurses benefit from having a shared voice and a focus for their individual and professional ambitions. They are also able to access the information and support they need as well as share their concerns and achievements.

### **Advocacy**

EONS promotes nursing in European health policy and regulation, raising awareness of the role that oncology nurses play in the delivery of high-quality cancer services. The society promotes leadership at European, national and local level to strategically influence health care delivery and the development of nursing within cancer care. EONS promotes nursing in European health policy, raising awareness of the role of oncology nurses in the delivery of high quality cancer services. The society promotes leadership at European, national and local level to strategically influence, health care delivery and the development of nursing within cancer care.

### **Realising your potential**

EONS enables cancer nurses across Europe to reach for excellence in their professional roles, wherever they work. We provide cancer nurses with the opportunity to explore new knowledge and ideas whilst developing skills that equip them to demonstrate the value and contribution cancer nursing makes in providing a healthier future for people affected by cancer.

### **Enhancing clinical practice**

EONS is committed to educational and research initiatives that enable cancer nurses to develop new skills and knowledge for practice, relevant to 21st century cancer care. Congresses, workshops, online learning, toolkits, guidelines and projects developed for cancer nurses stimulate new ideas and knowledge for practice.

In short, EONS ensures that European cancer patients and their families will benefit from the care of well-educated, perceptive and proficient cancer nurses.

### **Work with us to deliver this vision.**

Visit us now at our new website: [www.cancernurse.eu](http://www.cancernurse.eu) or contact the EONS office at: [eons.secretariat@cancernurse.eu](mailto:eons.secretariat@cancernurse.eu) or +32-2-779-9923

## European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE)



**SIOP Europe (SIOPE)** is a specialised network of health professionals working in the field of childhood and adolescent cancers in Europe. It is the only multidisciplinary, pan-European organisation dedicated to paediatric oncology. Representing multinational clinical trials groups and national childhood cancer organisations, SIOPE develops novel strategies for cancer awareness, cancer diagnosis and cancer treatment focused on children and young people.

To do this, SIOPE supports the pooling of initiatives and expertise of multidisciplinary stakeholders in paediatric oncology, building their common experience into a positive force and creating a brighter future for young people with cancer.

SIOPE aims to:

- Support and facilitate professional medical, scientific and educational co-operation and training across Europe;
- Integrate patients and parents and bridge the gap between family groups, professionals and policymakers in Europe;
- Optimise access to information and promote multi-centre and multinational clinical trials, forming a common platform for best practice guidelines in clinical research;
- Promote better policies for children with cancer and raise awareness of the numerous challenges faced by paediatric oncology professionals to EU policymakers;
- Elevate standards for training and care in paediatric oncology and develop European guidelines.

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