If you could not have attended the last meeting of the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer and the International Society of Oral Oncology, we are going to tell you about the successful event of MASCC/ISOO 2018 Annual Meeting which was held in Vienna, Austria, during June 28–30, 2018.

The event hosted more than 1200 participants from 61 different countries. Attendees are a great variety of professionals; you could have met dentists, pharmacists, cancer nurses, oncologists, internal medicine doctors, psychologists, social workers, physiotherapists, and even some biomedical engineering that found some place themselves on the stimulating and enriching program with 52 sessions!

On day 27, previous to the event start, there were several meetings of the Study Group leaders and the also the Executive Board of MASCC. On this occasion, we discussed about strategies and plans for the next 2 years regarding the society and members.

Day 28 was a very busy day with the following activities and scientific panels that started early in the morning at 8:00 a.m. and finished at 11:15 a.m.

**Workshop 1 – Mucositis Study Design: What Do We Need to Know?**

The overall goal of this workshop, presented by the Mucositis Study Group, was to bring together basic, translational, and clinical researchers to advance the understanding of mucositis mechanisms and management. To present the latest evidence, exchange experience and research in an international pull of young and seniors investigators.

**Workshop 2 – Update and New Developments in Supportive Care of Patients with Chemotherapy-Induced Alopecia**

Over the past 2 years, new data have emerged concerning the use of scalp-cooling devices to prevent chemotherapy-induced alopecia. The purpose of this workshop is to give an update on new developments and provide recommendations on the supportive care management of chemotherapy-induced alopecia.

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workshop was presented by the Skin Toxicities Study Group, led by Jennifer Choi and Mario Lacouture.


Patients with advanced cancer often want to know how long they will live and what they can expect at the end of life. Indeed, the ability to estimate prognosis accurately and communicate this information sensitively is one of the most important clinical skills. The workshop represented a collaboration between the Education, Palliative Care, Nutrition and Cachexia, and Pediatrics Study Groups and will be led by David Hui, Marianne van de Wetering, Paz Fernández-Ortega, and Egidio Del Fabbro.

**Workshop 4: Update and New Developments in Supportive Care of Patients Undergoing Immunotherapy**

This workshop will focus on the very topical issues of advances in the field of immunoncology and the management of related side effects. The workshop was presented jointly by the Neutropenia, Infection and Myelosuppression Study Group and the Skin Toxicities Study Group, and will be led by Jean Klastersky, Mario Lacouture, Jennifer Choi, and Bernardo Rapoport.

**Workshop 5: Challenging Communications in Oncology**

Communication is fundamental to the practice of oncology, but can often be challenging for healthcare professionals – as well as for patients and their careers. The aim of this workshop is to emphasize the positive effects of “good” communication, to highlight the negative effects of “poor” communication, and to provide the attendees with advice and guidance for undertaking difficult conversations. The workshop represented a collaboration between the Psychosocial Study Group and the Palliative Care Study Group, and was led by Andrew Davies, Lidia Schapira, Penny Schofield, and Greg Crawford.

After workshops, all the attendees join the welcoming and opening ceremony. In this session, the past president introduce to the new person in charge for the next year Doctor Rajesh Lalla who is going to lead the mission today to improve the supportive care of people with cancer.

During Plenary sessions, three sessions were discussed about the topics on cannabinoids for symptom management...
and onco-therapies, about cardiac toxicities and cognitive Impairment postchemotherapy in adults, survivors, and children, and subsequently parallel sessions were focused on Emergency Supportive Care-Oral Care in Pediatric Oncology.

The last session for the day was the Young Investigator Awards, where the high level of competency for those young researchers from diverse countries like India, the USA, Romania, Switzerland, Belgium, Canada, and Singapore had been appreciated and presented with the Award. It was the young doctor Chia Jie Tan from Singapore who had been honored with the Award for contribution in polymorphism relation in the brain in the field of chemotherapy.

On day 29th the following activities and scientific panels:

Regarding the two joint sessions, their intention was to strengthen ties with other scientific societies, EONS/ONS/MASCC on sleep disruptions, CRF, and depression both in patients and in patients and caregivers. The JASCC/MASCC Joint Session on Management of Cancer Cachexia Syndrome.

4 Travel Scholarship Award Winners from the underdeveloped countries received their help.

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) was presented to Charles L. Loprinzi, MD, in recognition of meritorious achievement in leadership and accomplishments in support of MASCC’s mission and goals.

For nurses, the highest-ranking nurse applicant went to Paulina Ackley Akpan-IdioK, PhD, of Nigeria, for her abstract titled “Influence of Supportive Intervention on Caregiving Burden among Cancer Caregivers in Two Selected Primary Health Centres that was awarded by the Cynthia N. Rittenberg Travel Scholarship.

There were number of e-poster sessions scheduled over 2 days. A total of 706 abstracts have been presented at 23 E-posters sessions. You can reach all the poster presentation at https://www.morressier.com/event/5ad48456d462b80290b5921d.

The gala dinner at Palais Ferstel was a very original MASCCuerade Ball where a mascara was provided and was a funny occasion to be in an informal context altogether.

On day 30th, the following activities and scientific panels were held:

On day 30, a third joint session on SIOG/MASCC-Cognitive Impairment, Delirium and Sleep-A Practical Guide in older adults with cancer was held.

For the next meeting, you are invited again to the MASCC/ISOO 2019 Annual Meeting on June 21–23 in San Francisco, USA, next year.

You can consult all the presentations at: https://www.mascc.org/2018-meeting-presentations.