European Association for Cancer Research (EACR)



The European Association for Cancer Research, founded in 1968, is the largest member Association for cancer research in Europe. EACR is growing quickly with a membership of over 8000 laboratory, translational and clinical cancer researchers from 82 countries and seven National Societies.

EACR's aim is the advancement of cancer research – from basic research, to prevention, treatment and care. This includes support for meetings and workshops, increased opportunities for collaboration, improved communication, the enabling of developing countries to contribute to cancer research and the strengthening of education and training.

Activities include the organisation of conferences covering the most important recent advances; fellowship and bursary programmes and enhanced communication through EACR Newsletters, weekly e-news bulletins and the EACR website www.eacr.org.

Opportunities exist to receive recognition and win awards, including the prestigious EACR Young Cancer Researcher Award and the Carcinogenesis Young Investigator Award. EACR also celebrates success through the presentation of poster prizes and 'Researcher Awards' where outstanding abstracts are selected for oral presentation at important scientific meetings.

EACR Travel Fellowship Awards are regarded by the EACR membership as the Association's most valuable scheme. Travel fellowships support research on the basis of technical exchange, including participation in workshops and courses. Jointly sponsored by EACR and AICR, the fellowships are awarded three times each year. The Mike Price fellowship, jointly sponsored by EACR and ECCO, is the Association's most prestigious fellowship and is awarded annually.

Meeting Bursaries have been designed to assist younger members of the Association particularly post graduate students and members less than 35 years old to attend the EACR conferences. A small number of bursaries are also made available for meetings in the EACR Symposia series.

Student Membership of EACR is free for up to four years. Students attending the ECCO conference are encouraged to join the Association at the EACR stand at the conference or to submit an application on-line at www.eacr.org. Student members enjoy the full benefits of membership.

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European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS)



The European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS) was established in 1984 and is registered as a not-for-profit organisation. EONS membership comprises 33 Member societies, 22 national institutions involved in cancer care as well as more than 240 individual cancer nurses. Together this enables EONS to represent the voice of more than 22,000 nurses from 33 European countries.

EONS's goal is to develop and promote the practice and recognition of high-quality cancer nursing in Europe through education, research, and practice-based initiatives. Such a goal can only be achieved through effective two-way communication and the strength of EONS is based on the close cooperation between its Members and a broad range of multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral organisations involved in cancer care. These collaborations enable our Members to optimise the nursing contribution of cancer patient care across Europe.

The Society also recognises its role as a specialist educator of cancer nurses and empowers its Members to attain due recognition as specialists in their own country through accredited national and European training programmes. EONS provides both basic as well as advanced specialist education programmes and further enhances the educational and employment opportunities of its Members through an accreditation programme that initiates clinical projects and provides support for nursing research.

EONS also publishes in its associated journal: the *European Journal of Oncology Nursing (EJON)*. This is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes scientific articles and serves as a vehicle for the analysis and dissemination of recent developments in the cancer nursing field. The Society also provides its Members with the *EONS Newsletter*, a quarterly publication which is available to all its Members free of charge. The EONS Newsletter is a source of information on clinical topics, project news, updates on educational programmes, as well as highlighting topical issues from recent conferences.

For more information about EONS or information on how to join, please contact the EONS Secretariat at: eons.secretariat@cancernurse.eu or visit us at:

www.cancernurse.eu

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. Further, the society aims to optimise the clinical management of cancer patients through multidisciplinary collaboration.

ESSO is increasingly involved in the training of surgeons in cancer throughout Europe and promotes the development of guidelines to foster best practice in cancer surgery. It also seeks to advance education and support basic and clinical research in oncology.

Leading Education, Exchange and Debate

ESSO is highly committed to promoting education in cancer surgery. By providing the European Surgical Oncology community with a wide range of educational opportunities and initiatives, ESSO

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contributes to the advancement of knowledge and expertise in oncology surgery and the clinical management of cancer patients:

- ESSO's Biennial Congresses provide oncology surgeons with the most expansive and interconnective educational platform in Europe.
- ESSO's Training Fellowship Programme offers young surgeons the opportunity to visit a specialist centre, expand experience, and acquire new insight.
- ESSO organises multidisciplinary projects and courses in partnership with other leading organisations.
- ESSO offers Travel Fellowships to attend ESSO Congresses and the ECCO/AACR/ASCO 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 ECCO the European CanCer Organisation's Congresses, of which ESSO is co-organiser.

EJSO – European Journal of Surgical Oncology is the Official Journal of the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) and the Association for Cancer Surgery (BASO).

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.

To discover more about our community, activities, educational opportunities and membership benefits visit the ESSO stand in the ECCO society village located in the exhibition area or the ESSO website at **www.esso-surgeonline.org**. You can also contact the ESSO Secretariat at the following address:

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European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ESTRO)



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

With 5000 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 2009 in launching a new e-learning facility that will provide electronic teaching resources for all oncology professionals.

- Establish relationships and **networks** and encourage **co-operation** with international, national and regional societies as well as professional bodies and industry partners in the in the field of radiation oncology.
- Develop standards for **quality assurance** in radiation oncology, radiation physics, radiation technology and radiobiology throughout Europe and encourage their implementation.

For more information please visit: www.estro.org

European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOP Europe)



Mission: SIOP Europe, the European Society for Paediatric Oncology, promotes optimal standards of care for children and young people with cancer. It is the only pan-European multidisciplinary society dedicated to childhood cancer. Established in 1998, SIOPE collaborates closely both with SIOP – the International Society of Paediatric Oncology, and ECCO – the European CanCer Organisation.

Representing multinational clinical trials groups and national childhood organisations, SIOPE develops novel strategies for cancer awareness, cancer diagnosis, and cancer treatment focused on children. Aware that a highly dedicated multidisciplinary approach to treatment as well as investing in high-quality clinical research can greatly increase survival rates, SIOPE actively encourages greater coordination of clinical trials activity in Europe, as well as supporting education and exchanges between all professionals working in the field of paediatric oncology. SIOPE additionally maintains strong links with national patient organisations ensuring a strong patient perspective, as well as keenly promoting information dissemination of the latest developments in cancer research and EU policy.

Subscribership: In order to construct an active European network, SIOPE recently launched a subscribership. Benefits include:

- Regular e-updates on all the very latest within our field including consultations with bodies such as the European Commission and EMEA, funding information from the EU institutions and fellowship opportunities.
- Exclusive access to the SIOPE subscriber databases including contact information for other subscribers, European Clinical Trials Groups and National Childhood Cancer Organisations.
- Share best practices and experience and be actively involved in our interdisciplinary network.
- Full online access to EJC the European Journal of Cancer (additional fee).
- Reduced rates to attend the joint ECCO-ESMO Congresses.
- Participate in our multidisciplinary training projects and seminars.

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