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## Message from the Editor

Welcome to the August Edition of our Newsletter. I hope you had a great time in Vienna and enjoyed the excellent MASCC/ISOO 2018 Annual Meeting. In this issue, I am featuring Dr. Joel Epstein, who is our ISOO Distinguished Service Award winner of 2018.

I am delighted to inform you that, in the year 2018, the ISOO Board has endorsed two oral oncology events: the inaugural MSKCC Symposium on Oral Oncology, to be held in November, 2018 in New York City, and the Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC), to be held in December, 2018 in Niigata, Japan.

Please feel free to contact me via email ( <a href="mailto:r.nair@griffith.edu.au">r.nair@griffith.edu.au</a>) with your suggestions and contributions. Happy reading!

## Message from the President, Allan Hovan

The 2018 MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting in Vienna, Austria included an exciting program of presentations, workshops, and discussions on treatments and techniques for minimizing the symptoms and side effects of cancer and its treatments. As always, the meeting also included a diverse array of presentations on the psychological, social, economic, and spiritual dimensions of cancer diagnosis and treatment. Program Chair Rachel Gibson welcomed 1,254 delegates, representing 61 countries, and this number includes 122 new MASCC members.

The ISOO parallel sessions were well attended by ISOO and MASCC members alike and included presentations on bone necrosis, cancer-related oral pain, and common oral lesions seen in oncology patients. Thanks to the Scientific Committee for putting together such an excellent program!



For all the MASCC/ISOO 2018 Annual meeting photos, visit the photo gallery.

# Joel Epstein, a name synonymous with oral oncology...

Dr. Joel Epstein is the recipient of this year's ISOO Distinguished Service Award. Here is what he has to say about his professional life and significant contributions to oral oncology and supportive care in cancer.

I have been active in oncology care since graduate training in Oral Medicine at the University of Washington. I am currently Professor and Director of Cancer Dentistry at the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute, Cedars-Sinai Health Center, Los Angeles, California, and Director, Dental Oncology at City of Hope cancer center in Duarte, California. I am also on the consulting staff at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. At City of Hope, planning is ongoing to develop a comprehensive oral and dental care program in oncology.

My previous appointments have been at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Dentistry. I spent 20 years at the British Columbia Cancer Agency and Vancouver General Hospital and the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia prior to my appointment at University of



ISOO President Allan Hovan presenting Joel Epstein with the ISOO 2018 Distinguished Service Award, MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting, Vienna, Austria

Washington, Seattle, and Head of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Illinois in Chicago. In each of these institutions, my clinical and research focus was oncology, including acute and chronic oral complications of cancer therapy and the diagnosis and management of potentially premalignant oral lesions.

The International Society of Oral Oncology and the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer have been integral in all aspects of my work throughout my journey. MASCC/ISOO is dynamic and growing and is the leading organization in supportive care in cancer with increasing impact in cancer care. In addition to significant contributions to the literature, MASCC/ISOO can provide guidelines and direction to the future of supporting patient care needs and improving quality of life.

I have been active since the initial meetings of ISOO, holding various executive positions and serving as President twice (1991-1993 and 1999-2001). I also served as ISOO-MASCC Board Liaison from 2009 to 2016, following which, I became a MASCC Board Member, serving from 2016 to the present. I have participated in a number of Study Groups, including Mucositis, Oral Care, Geriatrics, and Skin Toxicity, and served as Co-Chair of the Skin Toxicity Study Group from 2008 to 2014. I have been Senior Associate Editor of *Supportive Care in Cancer* since 2010.

It is a true privilege and pleasure to have had the opportunity, through MASS/ISOO, to develop life-long friends committed to improving the quality of life of members as well as patients!

## ISOO-Endorsed Future Meetings of Interest

## Inaugural MSKCC Symposium on Oral Oncology

The goal of this multidisciplinary symposium is to provide basic knowledge of head and neck cancer diagnosis, treatment, and management of their sequelae and complications. We will focus on the critical importance of a multidisciplinary approach to diagnosis and treatment of head and neck malignancy. The panel of speakers will include members of the Head and Neck Service, Dental Service, Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology, Pathology, Speech and Hearing Service, and Rehabilitation Service.

#### Symposium Objectives

- To identify the major fundamentals of treatment for head and neck cancer
- To describe the multidisciplinary approach to the treatment of head and neck cancer
- To identify oral complications of head and neck cancer treatment

#### **Target Audience**

This symposium is intended for physicians, dentists, otolaryngologists, dental and medical residents and fellows, nurses, PAs, NPs, hygienists, dental assistants, students, and other healthcare professionals.

More information and Registration Details: <a href="https://mskcc.cloud-cme.com/aph.aspx?P=5&EID=2695">https://mskcc.cloud-cme.com/aph.aspx?P=5&EID=2695</a>



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**NOVEMBER 16-17, 2018** 

# Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC) 2018 Annual Meeting • 1-2 DECEMBER

Date: December 1-2, 2018

Location: Yujin Memorial Hall, Niigata University School of Medicine

1-757 Asahimachi-dori, Chuo-ku, Niigata, Japan

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## Message from the Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer

We are writing to express our deep appreciation for the ISOO's support of our 4th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC). This meeting will be held at the Yujin Memorial Hall of Niigata University School of Medicine, Niigata, Japan, on December 1st and 2nd, 2018. The main theme is "Learn oral supportive care in cancer together." This meeting consists of a special lecture by a professional soccer player who is a cancer survivor. Symposia include "Expectation for oral supportive care in cancer," "Possibility of oral supportive care in cancer," an academic seminar, and oral and poster presentation sessions by members. We estimate that around 200 people will participate in our meeting.

JAOSCC is playing a pivotal role as a platform for Japanese healthcare professionals interested in multidisciplinary approaches to oral supportive care for cancer patients. In Japan, oral supportive care in cancer is becoming more widespread and is incorporated into the medical policies set by the Japanese government. Important issues on oral supportive care/dental management in Japan will be addressed at our Annual Meeting. We would like to actively engage with international clinical and academic communities, such as the ISOO, to support cancer patients worldwide from Japan. We are looking forward to continuing cooperation with the ISOO.

Kouji Katsura 2018 Annual Meeting Chairs Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC)

# "Light" in Supportive Care Highlights of the 4th Meeting of MASCC-PBM-LLL-WG

Photobiomodulation (PBM) using Low Level Lasers (LLL) is becoming a reality in supportive care in cancer with convincing evidence from randomized clinical trials. The MASCC-PBM-LLL Working Group (MASCC-PBM-LLL-WG) held its fourth successful meeting in Vienna, and it was well attended. Drs. Sharon Elad and Rene-Jean Bensadoun presented updates on the upcoming MASCC Guidelines on PBM-LLL and this year's World Congress on Lasers (WALT-2018), respectively. WALT will be held from October 3-6, 2018 in Nice, France. Several MASCC/ISOO members will participate in the Congress, either as invited speakers or session chairs on topics such as PBM/LLL use in cancer supportive care and its safety. Raj Nair (Founding Chair of MASCC-PBM-LL-WG) chaired and facilitated the Working Group meeting, and members from all over the world shared their research updates on PBM-LLL.



### Recruit a Colleague

Please introduce a colleague or friend who is interested in becoming an ISOO member. Being a MASCC and ISOO member has great benefits, such as reduced registration rates at annual meetings and the opportunity to meet and collaborate with international experts.

#### Meet a New ISOO Member • Introduce Yourself!

This section is dedicated to new members. If you have joined ISOO recently, please send me (<u>r.nair@griffith.edu.au</u>) a brief bio, your personal interests, and a photograph.

#### Share the News

Do you have an article or news that you would like to share? Please contact Raj, r.nair@griffith.edu.au

### **Upcoming Annual Meetings**

June 21-23, 2019 - San Francisco, California, USA - Save the Date!

June, TBA, 2020 - Seville, Spain

June, TBA, 2021 - Yokohama, Japan

