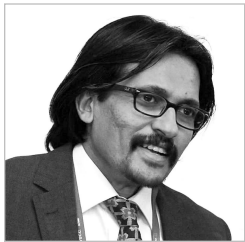




# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY of ORAL ONCOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

Wishing you all the very best for the festive season and holidays.

Please feel free to contact me via email with your suggestions and contributions. Happy reading!

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## Message from the President, Allan Hovan

As time goes on, and as someone who has been involved in ISOO for many years now, I am continually reminded of the greatness of our membership. And, as an ISOO Board member, I understand the challenges of running an organization on so few resources. And yet, despite this, our 200-member-strong Society continues to lead the world in oral supportive care for cancer patients.

Recently, we polled our membership on the idea of raising our annual dues. So many of you took the time to respond to the survey which, in itself, is impressive. I thank you for your interest. And while the majority supported the fee increase, it was the many thoughtful comments – both for and against the fee increase – that were most encouraging. Our members are engaged and truly care about the future success of ISOO.

Based on the results of the survey, the ISOO Board has decided on two things:

- To leave annual fees where they are for now and, more importantly,
- To create a forum for ISOO members to meet and collectively create a vision – both academic and financial – for the ongoing success of ISOO.

Our 2019 meeting in San Francisco will provide that forum. ISOO has been granted a half day on Sunday, June 23rd to meet as a collective for what we are calling an “Envisioning Exercise”. We believe that every ISOO member has something to contribute and is interested in doing so. Our job is to create a model that provides every ISOO member the chance to get more involved – whether in collaborative research, in further developing our educational program, or as a member of one of our systematic review teams.

I look forward to sharing more about this exciting opportunity in upcoming newsletters and communications but, for now, I ask you to mark your calendars and plan to stay for the entire day of the San Francisco 2019 meeting on Sunday, June 23rd.

In closing, I want to thank you again for all your support and wish each of you a restful and meaningful holiday season with family and friends. All the best for 2019.

- Allan Hovan



ISOO President, Allan Hovan



MASCC/ISOO 2019 | June 21-23, 2019 | San Francisco, USA



There are so many exciting changes to announce with regard to this year's MASCC/ISOO meeting. The first thing you will notice is the change in meeting days to Friday through Sunday. Workshops are now scheduled throughout the meeting to allow registrants to attend more than one workshop. And, for the first time ever, daily registration will be available for all 3 days of the meeting. But, this year, you won't want to miss a thing. There is something on every day of the meeting of interest to ISOO members.

The meeting opens on Friday morning with the Oral Care Study Group (OCSG) parallel session on "Sexual Health in Head and Neck Cancer," in keeping with one of the main themes of the Annual Meeting. This will be followed in the afternoon by the always popular Mucositis Workshop and Mucositis Study Group Meeting.

Saturday features three ISOO parallel sessions. This year, we have invited expert speakers and panelists to present on Smoking Cessation, Lymphoma/Fibrosis, and Cancer-Related Dysphagia. The Oral Care Study Group Business Meeting will be held later Saturday afternoon, leaving time for everyone to attend the President's Banquet and Ball on Saturday night.

We are particularly excited about our program for Sunday, which will feature an ISOO-created Study Design Workshop, followed immediately by the ISOO Envisioning Exercise and General Assembly (see the President's Message for more details).

In between all of the above are the various other parallel sessions, Study Group meetings, and networking opportunities that make every MASCC/ISOO meeting so special.

So, please mark your calendar and start to spread the word with your colleagues. San Francisco is a great city with much to see, taste, and experience. See you there.

*See you in San Francisco!*

## ISOO Board Elections 2019

Have you ever thought of becoming more involved with ISOO? Elections will be held in early 2019 to fill four positions on the ISOO Board. The newly-elected Board will be installed at the San Francisco meeting under the leadership of Dr. Debbie Saunders who will begin her 2-year term as ISOO President.

A call for nominations will be sent out early in 2019 via email. Online voting will run from mid-February to the end of March. Terms are for 2 years and are renewable twice.

We welcome candidates from all disciplines and from all parts of the world.

## Meet a NEW ISOO Member, Susie Keeper

Greetings from Tulsa.

I became a member of ISOO a few months ago. I have been a Registered Dental Hygienist for 20+ years and I am an APRN-Clinical Nurse Specialist. In the dental profession, we treat patients who are undergoing cancer treatment and develop plans to meet their oral health needs. I bring this knowledge into the medical sector by educating patients, as well as staff.

My interests include staying current with research progress in both of my professional fields. I enjoy reading, socializing, cooking, traveling, swimming, biking, walking my standard poodle, and embroidery.

I look forward in becoming an active member of ISOO.

Susie Keeper



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## Recruit a Colleague

Please introduce a colleague or friend who is interested in the ISOO to become a member. Being a MASCC and ISOO member has great benefits, such as reduced registration rates at annual meetings, the opportunity to meet and collaborate with international experts, online access to our journal, Supportive Care in Cancer, and many other benefits.

## Share the News

Do you have an article or news that you would like to share? Please contact the editor Raj Nair, [r.nair@griffith.edu.au](mailto:r.nair@griffith.edu.au)

## Upcoming Annual Meetings

[June 21-23, 2019 - San Francisco, California, USA](#) - **Save the Date!**

June, 25-27, 2020 - Seville, Spain

June, TBA, 2021 - Yokohama, Japan