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Message from the President of ISOO: Reflecting on Nara and Anticipating Lille!

Dear Esteemed Members of the International Society of Oral Oncology,

I trust this message finds you in good health and high spirits.

I am delighted to reminisce about the success of our last meeting held in the beautiful city of Nara, Japan. The meeting was well attended by ISOO members, especially those from Japan and its neighboring regions, and their presence significantly contributed to the success of the event. The hospitality provided by our Japanese colleagues from the Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC) was exceptional. Our long-standing collaboration with JAOSCC holds significant value. Our mutual commitment to advancing oral oncology was evident in the exchange of knowledge and experiences during our time together.

Looking ahead, I am thrilled to announce that preparations are well underway for our next MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting in Lille, France, scheduled for next June.

In preparation for this exciting event, I encourage each member to actively participate by submitting abstracts for presentations and posters. Your insights and research are invaluable contributions that enhance the quality of our discussions and elevate the impact of our collective work. Let's seize this opportunity to showcase the cutting-edge advancements in oral oncology and foster an environment of collaborative learning.

Furthermore, I urge you to spread the word among your peers and colleagues about the upcoming meeting in Lille. Our community thrives on the diversity of expertise and experiences that each member brings, and your efforts in expanding our reach are truly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Warm regards,
Noam Yarom
President, International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO)



A memory from Nara Meeting with colleagues from Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC)



Our new board had it is first face-to-face meeting in Nara, Japan. MASCC/JASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting 2023.

Let's Meet Our New Board



Noam Yarom - President

Noam Yarom, DMD, MHA, is the head of Oral Medicine at the Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer and a clinical associate professor of Oral Medicine at Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel. Dr. Yarom is a past president of the Israeli Society of Oral Medicine (ISOM) and a past board member of the European Association of Oral Medicine (EAOM). He is involved with developing clinical practice guidelines and position papers for major international organizations such as the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) and the International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO). He is also an active member of the European Organization of Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC) quality of life group, where he is involved in developing quality of life questionnaires for cancer patients.

His main research interests are oral complications of cancer therapy and quality of life in cancer patients, and he has published extensively on these topics.



Alessandro Villa – President Elect

Alessandro Villa, DDS, PhD, MPH, is chief of oral medicine, oral oncology and dentistry at Miami Cancer Institute where he also serves as the Program Director of the Oral Oncology Fellowship. In addition, he is a Professor at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, FIU. Dr. Villa specializes in treating oral mucosal and salivary gland diseases, oral precancers and oral complications from cancer treatment. Prior to joining Miami Cancer Institute in 2022, Dr. Villa was an attending physician at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). He also directed the oral medicine residency programs at UCSF and Harvard.

Dr. Villa's research focuses on oral dysplasia, oral complications from cancer therapy and prevention of HPV-associated oropharyngeal cancers. He is involved in several investigator initiated and sponsored clinical trials and has published more than 130 peer-reviewed manuscripts.



Eduardo Fregnani – Immediate Past President

Eduardo Fregnani, DDS, MSc, PhD, assumed the role of President of the International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO) for the period spanning 2021 to 2023. Additionally, he presently holds positions as a member of the ISOO Board and as the ISOO liaison at the MASCC Board. He obtained a degree in Dentistry from the State University of Campinas in the year 2000. Subsequently, he pursued a Master's degree in Stomatopathology from the same institution in 2003. Later, he finished a PhD in Medical Sciences from the Antônio Prudente Foundation in 2008. He also specializes in the fields of Endodontics and Oral, with a research emphasis on providing assistance to cancer patients and addressing oral issues arising from cancer therapy at IEP-Hospital Sírio Libanês in Sao Paulo, Brasil.



Derek Smith – Treasurer

Derek Smith, DDS, PhD, MPH, is a general dentist and biostatistician. He currently serves as the Director of Oral Health Services for the State of Tennessee overseeing 46 safety net clinics, the school-based sealant program, work-force development programs, and the oral health surveillance program. Dr. Smith holds an academic appointment at Vanderbilt University Medical Center where his research has focused on the oral health implications of head and neck cancer and side effects of therapy. He has been an ISOO member since 2016 and has served in the leadership of the oral care study group, organized parallel sessions for the annual meeting, and put on a workshop on systematic reviews at the San Francisco meeting.



Sophie Beaumont - Secretary

Sophie Beaumont, BDS (Hons), MPH, MCnrcSc, is a dental practitioner with more than 25 years experience working in both the private and public dental sectors. Having completed a Master of Public Health in 2004, Sophie's passion for public dental care grew exponentially. She has worked in Community Dental Clinics and the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne in several departments and most recently in the Oral Medicine specialist clinic. Sophie has a particular interest in orofacial pain and temporomandibular disorders. In 2018, Sophie was appointed head of Dental Oncology at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and completed a Masters of Cancer Sciences in 2021. Sophie is passionate about achieving equity in oral healthcare especially for patients undergoing cancer treatment. Sophie is privileged to be working with like-minded, devoted people who make going to work each day so enjoyable.



Kivanç Bektaş-Kayhan – VP Communication

Kivanç Bektaş-Kayhan, DDS, PhD, received her degrees from the İstanbul University Faculty of Dentistry (2000,2006) respectively. She was trained in Oral Surgery and Medicine. She is a fellow of European Association of Oral Medicine (EAOM), Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC)/ International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO), Turkish Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (TAOMS) and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Society (AÇBİD). She served at ISOO as research lead of the Oral Care Study Group and former chair of the group and now is a member of the board. She is also active in mucositis and bone study groups at MASCC/ISOO. Her research activity is focused both on clinical and molecular based research. She has a special interest in oral cancer and precancer, medication related osteonecrosis of jaws, dental rehabilitation of oncology patients and dental implants. Currently she is also the Vice Dean of İstanbul University Dental Faculty.



Sharon Elad – Chair, Oral Care Study Group

Sharon Elad, DMD, MSc, is a Professor of Dentistry at the University of Rochester, where she is Chair of the Division of Oral Medicine at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health, and a Principal Consultant for Hospital Dentistry at University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY, USA. Currently, Prof. Elad serves as the Chair of the Oral Care Study Group of MASCC/ISOO. Previously, Prof. Elad was the Chair of the MASCC/ISOO Mucositis Study Group, the ISOO secretary, and a MASCC Board member.

We are here for you

Lots of activity is happening within ISOO. In the past few months the new ISOO Board has met regularly to prepare the scientific program for the 2024 MASCC/AFSOS/ISOO Annual Meeting. We anticipate to hear back from the Scientific Committee of the annual meeting soon and will continue to update you about the program for our ISOO members as it shapes up.

During the last few months, the ISOO President has worked tediously to build a new collaboration between ISOO and EORTC. The responses received so far from the leads of the Quality of Life department of EORTC are very promising. We hope that this new collaboration will mature into a joint session at the 2024 Lille meeting.

ISOO is positioning itself as a lead party developing joint guidelines on osteoradionecrosis of the jaw. Partners for this guideline paper are the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and MASCC. There is great interest by other medical societies in these guidelines. The ISOO members had a window into this process a few weeks ago when the current draft was circulated to membership by email and was given the opportunity to review and comment on the draft. The discussions about the development of the guidelines are in advanced stages. We thank the ISOO leads who participated in this important project – Drs. Paolo Bossi, Barbara Murphy, Doug Peterson, Debbie Saunders, Derek Smith, Alessandro Villa, Erin Watson, Noam Yarom, Jonn Wu and the remaining ISOO Board for their important input into these guideline paper.

Lille, FRANCE 2024

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Call for Abstracts!

Deadline for abstracts which include a Conference Scholarship application:

December 20, 2023 3:00 PM EST

Deadline for all other abstracts (including other awards/scholarships):

January 10, 2024 3:00 PM EST

Note: One co-author must be registered to attend by the Early Bird Deadline to be eligible to present at the MASCC/AFSOS/ISOO 2024 Annual Meeting and to be published in the journal.



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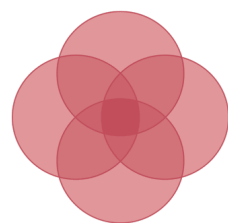
Ali Shazib

Ali Shazib, BDS, DMD, completed his Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Pakistan (Gold Medalist) and Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) from Boston University School of Dental Medicine (Honors). He went on to complete his residency in Oral Medicine at Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where he was elected as Chief Oral Medicine Resident for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Shazib was a recipient of the prestigious Joseph Henry Award from Harvard School of Dental Medicine, recognized for outstanding contribution in patient care and research. Prior to residency training, Dr. Shazib was a practicing owner of a large multi-specialty dental clinic and founding director for hospital oral medicine services at University of North-Carolina Chapel Hill.

As Chief Clinical Officer and Assistant Dean for Practice, Dr. Shazib is responsible for developing clinical service lines, medical-dental integration, treatment guidelines (standard of care), compliance and credentialing, electronic health records, clinical faculty affairs, and strategic partnerships with healthcare systems and industry.

Dr. Shazib's clinical interests include dentistry for medically complex patients, oral oncology (oral healthcare for patients before, during, and after cancer therapy), oral medicine (management of oral-systemic conditions), and orofacial pain (TMD, headaches, migraines, neuropathies). He is the Founding Director and maintains clinical practice in Oral Medicine Oncology Services at Novant Health Cancer Institute and Atrium Health- Wake Forest Baptist/ High Point Medical Center.

In the area of research and discovery, Dr. Shazib interests are in cancer-treatment related oral adverse events, emerging therapeutics for mucosal disorders, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine, and precision medicine. He has recently published guidelines on management of patients suffering from immunotherapy related adverse events. He serves as a peer reviewer for Journals such as Oral Oncology, Oral Diseases, Oral Surgery Oral Medicine Oral Pathology Oral Radiology (OOOO), JAMA (Otolaryngology), Frontiers (Oral Health), Supportive Care in Cancer, and Cancer. Dr. Shazib has published chapters in oral oncology and has given talks internationally in various forums. Dr. Shazib is a site visitor for hospital programs for the Commission of Dental Accreditation (CODA), Department of Education.



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4th Annual AHNS/HNCA Survivorship Symposium Indianapolis USA • October 7, 2023.

The Head and Neck Cancer Alliance, in partnership with the American Head & Neck Society, held the Fourth Annual Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Symposium in October.

Sessions included:

- Managing Head and Neck Cancer (HNC) Radiation Side Effects
- Nutrition, Swallowing, and Feeding Tube Challenges
- Dental Care and Oral Complications of Patients with HNC
- Importance and Impact of Oncology Rehabilitation for HNC
- Managing Stress During HNC Treatment and into Survivorship
- Becoming a HNC Survivor Champion

Their support and collaboration is ongoing with international and national societies working on supportive care in cancer.

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