

# ISOO INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY of ORAL ONCOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Editor

We're pleased to bring you the first edition of our Newsletter from the new Board of Directors. The new Board took office during the successful MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, USA, 22-24 June 2017, with a theme of "Sharing Successes in Supportive Care in Cancer." Beginning with this issue, the ISOO Newsletter will be distributed to all MASCC and ISOO members.

My vision is to create a newsletter that highlights significant achievements and recognition, research and ensuing publications, key presentations, international collaborative efforts, news from the underprivileged and privileged nations, and cancer survivorship stories. We welcome all of the above from you, our members in the field of oral oncology and orofacial supportive care in cancer. You can contribute to our newsletter by emailing me your story and photographs, if relevant.



ISOO Board of Directors: Left to right: Rajesh Lalla, Siri Beier Jensen, Ourania Nicolatou-Galatis, Allan Hovan, Debbie Saunders, Raj Nair, Barbara Murphy

This issue is concise and highlights our 2017 conference, ISOO Distinguished Service Awards, and other news. Once again, please feel free to contact me via email with your suggestions and contributions. This is your space. Happy reading!

Regards,

Raj Nair, Editor, *ISOO Newsletter*

## ISOO Study Day • MASCC/ISOO 2017 • Washington, D.C.



The ISOO events on Saturday, June 24, 2017 were well attended. A morning CE session featured international speakers on paediatric oral oncology, covering the topics of acute toxicities in children, long-term effects of cancer treatment, and challenges in maxillofacial reconstruction of paediatric patients from a young and dedicated group of speakers, and osteonecrosis of the jaws. The afternoon session covered varied topics by experts from around the globe.

## ISOO Distinguished Service Awards • 2017 Annual Meeting • Washington, DC

The second ISOO Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) were presented as part of the ISOO morning session on Saturday, June 24, 2017. This year's DSA recipients were two outstanding women leaders of the ISOO, Dr. Deborah (Debbie) McGuire from the USA and Dr. Judith Raber-Durlacher from the Netherlands. Both leaders are well known for their compassion and hard work. They have served ISOO in many roles, including Past President of the Board, Study Group activities, and liaising with MASCC as oral oncology leaders. The recognition is very well deserved. Congratulations to Debbie and Judith!



Debbie McGuire



Judith Raber-Durlacher

## 2017 MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting • Washington, DC • [Click here for more photos!](#)



## What's New in the Scientific World?

**Precision Oncology and Head and Neck Cancer.** The feasibility of utilizing a 3D-printed anthropomorphic patient-specific head phantom for patient-specific quality assurance (QA) in intensity-modulated radiotherapy (IMRT) was tested. The authors concluded that, when the 3D-printed patient-specific head phantom was used, the gamma passing rate for  $\gamma \leq 1$  was 95.97%, and the gamma failure rate for  $\gamma > 1$  was 4.03%. The 3D-printed patient-specific head phantom was considered highly feasible for patient-specific QA prior to procedures such as IMRT\*

\*Source and further reading: Yea *JW et al*, Feasibility of a 3D-printed anthropomorphic patient-specific head phantom for patient-specific quality assurance of intensity-modulated radiotherapy. PLoS ONE July 20, 2017 <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0181560>.

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## ASCO Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium, San Diego 2017

ASCO held its inaugural Symposium on Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology in 2014 in Boston, Massachusetts. This symposium was developed in collaboration with AAHPM, ASTRO, and MASCC. The 2017 ASCO Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium will be held October 27-28 in San Diego, California.



Educational and networking opportunities will be provided for all healthcare professionals on cancer symptom management across various cancer settings. The main sessions for the San Diego meeting will include integration of innovative models of palliative and supportive care, care challenges in older adults, palliative and supportive care in the era of immunotherapy, opioid management, sexual health, and the role of palliative radiotherapy and surgery. Oral abstracts, posters and a Trainee/Early-Career luncheon are other important features of this upcoming meeting.

At a future meeting, ISOO hopes to present a session on the role of oral supportive care and we will submit a proposal for the 2018 meeting.

Several MASCC and ISOO members will participate in the San Diego program, including Eduardo Bruera, Andrea Cheville, Allan Hovan, Thomas Leblanc, Charles Loprinzi, Sandra Mitchell, Rudolph Navari, Ourania Nicolatou-Galitis, Ira R. Parker, Eric Roeland and Thomas Smith.

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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 much more.

## Meet a New ISOO Member • Introduce Yourself!

This section is dedicated to new members. If you have joined ISOO recently, please send me ([r.nair@griffith.edu.au](mailto:r.nair@griffith.edu.au)) 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](mailto:r.nair@griffith.edu.au)