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Welcome to the April edition of the 2019 Newsletter.

Another MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting is around the corner, and this time over the beautiful summer in San Francisco, California. In this edition, I include an update on the ISOO Board election results and introduce the incoming members.

There are so many exciting changes to announce with this year's MASCC/ISOO meeting. The first thing you will notice is that the meeting will be held Friday through Sunday (instead of the usual Thursday through Saturday). 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 three 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 H&N Cancer," in keeping with one of the Annual Meeting's main themes. This will be followed in the afternoon by the always popular Mucositis Workshop and Mucositis Study Group Meeting.

Saturday features the three ISOO parallel sessions. This year, we have invited expert speakers and panelists to present on Smoking Cessation, Lymphoma/Fibrosis, and Cancer-Related Dysphagia. Later Saturday afternoon will be the OCSG Business Meeting, but still leaving time for everyone to attend the President's Dinner and Dance on Saturday night.

We are particularly excited by Sunday's program, which will feature an ISOO-created Study Design Workshop followed immediately by the ISOO Envisioning Exercise and General Assembly (see 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 among your colleagues. San Francisco is a great city with so much to see, taste, and experience. See you there!

21st June 2019, Friday

08:00 - 09:30, Pacific I-K Parallel Session 03: Sexual Health in Head and Neck Cancer
 13:40 - 15:10, Pacific D-E Parallel Session 06: Mucositis Management: Systematic Review - One Goal, Various Approaches
 15:40 - 17:10, Pacific D-E Workshop 01: Mucositis Pain Management
 18:20 - Pacific D-E Mucositis Study Group Meeting

22nd June 2019, Saturday

08:30 - 10:00, Pacific I-K ISOO Parallel Session 1: Smoking Cessation
 10:30 - 12:00, Pacific I-K ISOO Parallel Session 2: Lymphedema and Fibrosis in Head and Neck Cancer Survivors: Biology and Clinical Manifestations
 13:40 - 15:10, Pacific I-K ISOO Parallel Session 3: Dysphagia in Head and Neck Cancer Patients: Evaluation and Management
 15:40 - 17:10, Pacific I-K Oral Care Study Group Meeting

23rd June 2019, Sunday

10:30 - 12:00, Seacliff A-B ISOO Envisioning Exercise / General Assembly
 Part I. (for ISOO members only)
 13:40 - 15:10, Seacliff A-B ISOO Envisioning Exercise / General Assembly
 Part II (for ISOO members only)

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

Dear ISOO Member,

I am writing to personally invite you to the 2019 MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting in San Francisco, June 21-23, 2019. This year's meeting has a lot to offer ISOO members on each of the three days.

On Friday, the meeting starts with the Oral Care Study Group parallel session on Sexual Health in Head & Neck Cancer. We have assembled a great panel of speakers including an ENT surgeon and a psychiatrist to review this important area, especially in the era of HPV-related oropharyngeal cancer. Later in the day, the Mucositis Study Group Workshop will provide an update on the latest in basic and clinical research.

On Saturday, three ISOO parallel sessions will cover the topics of Smoking Cessation, Lymphedema/Fibrosis, and Dysphagia.

On Sunday, we are hosting a Study Design Workshop in the morning, followed by an ISOO-exclusive Envisioning Exercise where we will collectively map out a direction for ISOO in the years ahead.

Among all of these sessions are the various Study Group meetings, the Oral Care Study Group Business Meeting, our annual General Assembly, and great networking opportunities which are always fun and an integral part of every Annual Meeting.

Please make your plans now to attend. San Francisco is a great city and the weather should be pleasant, too. I look forward to seeing you there!

- Allan Hovan, ISOO President



ISOO President, Allan Hovan

Photos from MASCC/ISOO 2007-St. Gallen, 2009-Rome, 2010-Vancouver



ISOO Board Election Results for 2019

The ISOO Board received five nominations for the four open positions. Considering the diverse fields represented by the nominees — Oral Oncology, Medical Oncology, Radiation Oncology, and Physiotherapy — the Board decided to expand its membership to five, which MASCC has subsequently approved.

Congratulations and welcome to the newly elected Board members who will assume their respective leadership positions on Friday, June 21, 2019, soon after the Opening Ceremony of the MASCC/ISOO-2019 in San Francisco, USA.

Debbie Saunders will be installed as the new ISOO President and Allan Hovan will become Immediate Past President and ISOO Liaison to the MASCC Board. In this capacity, he will continue to serve on the ISOO Board.

Felicitations to the current Board members: Allan Hovan, current President who will continue to serve as Past President and ISOO Liaison to the MASCC Board; Debbie Saunders, President-Elect who will continue with the new Board to serve as the President. Current Secretary Siri Beier Jensen and Treasurer Barbara Murphy will continue with the new Board in office roles yet to be decided. Raj Nair, Vice President for Communications and Newsletter Editor, who has served the ISOO Board for the past three consecutive terms (2013 to 2019), will cease his leadership roles with ISOO Board at the 2019 San Francisco meeting.

MEET OUR NEW ISOO BOARD MEMBERS



Deborah (Debbie) Saunders, DDS, graduated from the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Dentistry in 1999 and resumes a full-time practice as Medical Director of the Department of Dental Oncology, Program Lead for Clinical Tobacco Intervention and the Oral Maxillofacial Rehabilitation Program at the Health Sciences North, Northeast Regional Cancer Centre. She is also Assistant Professor at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. Debbie is the incoming President and Chair of ISOO's Oral Care Study Group. Her areas of research include MRONJ, ORN, oral mucositis, clinical tobacco intervention, and genetic phenotyping in the oncology setting. She is an avid promoter of patient education and knowledge translation between research and clinical care.



Siri Beier Jensen, DDS, PhD, is Associate Professor of Oral Medicine and Head of the Department of Dentistry and Oral Health, Faculty of Health, Aarhus University, Denmark. Siri graduated from the University of Copenhagen School of Dentistry in 1998. Her research interests include salivary gland dysfunction and oral complications of cancer therapies. She teaches oral medicine, oral physiology, and anatomy, and practices oral medicine in a university clinic. She serves on the Steering Committee of the World Workshop on Oral Medicine.



Barbara Murphy, MD, is a medical oncologist who specializes in head and neck cancer, as well as in pain and symptom management. She has served as the team leader for the Head and Neck Research Team and the Director of the Pain and Symptom Management Program at the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center. Barbara has extensive experience in the development, implementation, and management of clinical trials, supportive care studies, and grants. She has amassed a significant body of work reflecting both investigator-initiated trials and cooperative group studies. She has participated in numerous national and international organizations, grant review committees, and conferences. Barbara has also served as a mentor for numerous trainees, including doctoral students, post-doctoral students, fellows, and junior faculty. Currently, she serves as the Chair of the Junior Faculty Mentoring Oversight Committee.



Eduardo Fregnani, DDS, MS, PhD, received both his DDS and a Masters degree in Oral Pathology and Medicine from the University of Campinas, Brazil, and a PhD in Medical Sciences from AC Camargo Cancer Center, Brazil. Since 2011, he has worked at the Sírio-Libanês Hospital in São Paulo where he coordinates the Oral Medicine Service and conducts research in oncology, pathology, and dentistry.



John Wu, MD, FRCPC, is a radiation oncologist at the Vancouver Cancer Centre. He completed his training at the Cross Cancer Institute and the University of Washington Medical Center. He is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia and is the Chair of the Provincial H&N Tumour Group. His interests include the development of precision radiation therapy techniques, leveraging health information technologies to improve access to health information, and population-based quality assurance and outcomes research.



Caroline Speksnijder, PT, MSc, MMPT, PhD, obtained her degree in Physical Therapy at Rotterdam University, her MSc degree of Human Movement Sciences as well as Epidemiology at Maastricht University in 2002, and her MMPT degree of Orofacial Physical Therapy in 2008. Her 2011 PhD research at the University of Utrecht was titled "Function after Oral Oncological Intervention, Reconstruction and Rehabilitation." She works as a senior researcher at UMC Utrecht and Radboudumc Nijmegen. Caroline's research focuses on head and neck cancer, function of the head and neck, and physical therapy, and she has developed an augmented reality training method to study orofacial motor control.

Meet a NEW ISOO Member

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

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

Upcoming Annual Meetings

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

June, 25-27, 2020 - Seville, Spain

June, 2021 - Yokohama, Japan