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### A Message from the ISOO President, Deborah Saunders

Dear Colleagues,

This past year has been memorable. The impact of COVID-19 has changed the way we communicate and practice in our professions as well how we have celebrated the holiday season.

The executive of the ISOO board and leadership of the Oral Care Study group are delighted to bring on the New Year with a newsletter stock full of activities and events. Highlights for the coming year include working with the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance and the World Dental Federation to achieve better patient and professional awareness in Head and Neck Cancer and Survivorship. There is something for everyone to participate in and the Oral Care Study Group and ISOO will be rolling out new projects in the coming months that will hopefully reflect your interests.

*Happy New Year to you all! Thank you for your continued support with MASCC/ISOO and all that you do in the field of oncology.*

Take Care and Stay Safe,  
Debbie Saunders, BSc, DMD, *President ISOO*

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## Become a Reviewer for the Journal, *Supportive Care in Cancer*

MASCC/ISOO members are invited to assist our journal's editorial board by reviewing articles in their areas of expertise. Log in to sign up through the "Become a Reviewer" form. You will be able to choose among 28 categories. Please select from this list the papers you feel you would be interested in reviewing. [To log in and sign up, click here.](#)

# ISOO Joins Forces with the Largest Dental Organization in the World

Over the past month, the Oral Cancer Study Group leadership and ISOO board have been in communication with the FDI (World Dental Federation).



For those who are not familiar with the FDI or what they represent, the FDI is the largest membership-based dental organization in the world. It is the principle representative body for more than one million dentists world wide, developing health policy and continuing education programs, speaking as a unified voice for dentistry in international advocacy and supporting member associations in global oral health promotion activities.

The FDI has identified the lack of professional oral health education in cancer and has mandated a committee to work on a literature update and questionnaire to their membership to identify education programming needs for health care professionals. The role of ISOO in this initiative to provide input as experts in the field.

ISOO executive and the Oral Care Study Group will be calling on interested members to participate in this initiative in the coming future. Stay Tuned!

For more information on the FDI visit: <https://www.fdiworlddental.org>

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## ISOO Board Elections

Have you ever considered becoming more involved with ISOO by serving on its Board? Later this month, a Call for Nominations will be announced for anyone interested in serving on the ISOO Board. After nominations have been received, an online election will be conducted during the month of March. The new ISOO Board will be installed in June 2021. The term is for 2 years.

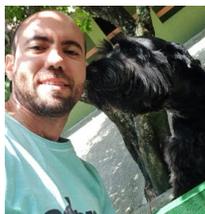
Our Board consists of 7 members: Past-President, President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Media and Membership. At the initial meeting of the new Board in June 2021, newly-elected members will be selected for the various table officer positions. Dr. Deborah Saunders (Canada) will become our Past-President and Dr. Edward Fregnani (Brazil) will be installed as our new President.

We pride ourselves in having a multi-national and multi-disciplinary Board. In fact, only 4 of our current Board members are dentists. So, if you are interested, please consider putting your name forward. It is a great way to contribute your talents to the development and success of our growing Society!

For more information about the upcoming election, please feel free to contact Allan Hovan at [ahovan@shaw.ca](mailto:ahovan@shaw.ca).

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## Meet a New ISOO Member Professor Vinicius Rabelo Torregrossa



Vinicius Rabelo Torregrossa, DDS, MSc, PhD  
*Salvador, Bahia, Brazil*

Hello ISOO Members,

My name is Vinicius, and I'm excited to be part of this important community that brings together people from all over the world.

Everyone here focuses their efforts on providing the best oral care based on scientific evidence for patients suffering from head and neck cancer and its debilitating complications. Today I spend my time as a professor of Dentistry and assisting patients in my private dental office. My areas of

interest include dentistry for medically complex patients, especially focusing on inherited bleeding disorders and cardiovascular disease.

Here in this photo, you can see one of my favorite hobbies, where I am enjoying a beautiful sunny day with my dog. Klaus is a giant black Schnauzer and a good friend.

I look forward to meeting you all at the upcoming MASCC/ISOO meeting in 2022.

Vinicius Rabelo Torregrossa, DDS, MSc, PhD  
Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

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## Congratulations to Dr. Rajesh V. Lalla

### 2020 Evidence Based Dentistry (EBD) Accomplished Faculty Award

Congratulations to our very own, Dr. Rajesh V. Lalla, B.D.S., Ph.D., who was awarded the [2020 Evidence Based Dentistry \(EBD\) Accomplished Faculty Award](#) by the American Dental Association (ADA) and the American Association for Dental Research (AADR).



Rajesh Lalla, DDS, PhD, *(MASCC Past-President)*  
*University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine*  
*Farmington, Connecticut, USA*

Dr. Lalla is a professor and associate dean for research at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. He developed as well as teaches the school's course on evidence-based decision-making, which emphasizes experiential learning and student participation with minimal lecturing. Dr. Lalla has published over 100 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals, including 23 systematic reviews and evidence-based guidelines such as the 2020 clinical practice guideline for the management of mucositis secondary to cancer therapy published in the journal *Cancer*.

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## Top ISOO New Member Recruiter: Dr. Eduardo Fregnani (ISOO President-Elect)

Earlier in 2020, MASCC/ISOO launched a time limited "Buddy Membership Program", where members will act as a mentor to their "buddy", keeping in touch and helping the new member take advantage of MASCC/ISOO resources and engage in our Study Groups, activities, and events. New members will receive a complimentary 2 year MASCC and concurrent ISOO membership.

The member who recruited the highest number of new members under this program will be recognized at the 2021 meeting in Seville, Spain, and will also win a complimentary meeting registration for an upcoming annual meeting.

We are proud to announce, the winner is Dr. Eduardo Fregnani, who is also our ISOO President-Elect. He recruited over one hundred new members, and helped our ISOO membership grow from 190 to 470 members! Wow!

Congratulations, Dr. Fregnani. You will be a very busy buddy over the next year!

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## The Mucositis Study Group Leadership submits recent mucositis guidelines to the ECRI

Recently, the mucositis leadership was approached were invited to submit the recent mucositis guidelines to its registry. The [ECRI](#) is an independent nonprofit organization improving the safety, quality and cost-effectiveness of care across all health care settings worldwide. It was originally founded as the Emergency Care Research Institute and later took over the function of the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGH), which is a database of evidence-based clinical practice to which the Mucositis Study Group leadership has submitted the most recent [Mucositis Guidelines](#). Special thanks to Sharon Elad and the mucositis leadership as well, the section heads of the [2020 guidelines update](#).

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# The 6th annual meeting of Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC)



Dr. Sachiyo MITSUNAGA  
JAOSCC Meeting Chairperson

Due to the COVID-19, we decided to put our best energy into organizing a Virtual Congress. The main theme was "Connecting and Expanding the Circle of Oral Supportive Care". The meeting consisted of a symposium by Japanese experts, an academic seminar and web-based oral/poster presentation sessions by JAOSCC members using an interactive webinar system. At the opening ceremony and HP, the message from Dr. Deborah Saunders, President of ISOO was introduced.

The 6th Annual Meeting of Japanese Association of Oral Supportive Care in Cancer (JAOSCC) 2020

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ISOO President, Deborah Saunders, BSc, DMD

A total of 157 persons participated in the meeting, and ISOO members Prof. Yoshihiko Soga, JAOSCC President, Dr. Sachiyo Mitsunaga, Meeting Chairperson, Dr. Takashi Yurikusa and Prof. Kouji Katsura, JAOSCC vice presidents played a leadership role.



*Left to Right: Prof. Yoshihiko Soga, JAOSCC President,  
Dr. Sachiyo Mitsunaga, Meeting Chairperson,  
Dr. Takashi Yurikusa and Prof. Kouji Katsura, JAOSCC Vice-Presidents*

Highlights of the meeting:

**Special Lecture**

Dr. Nobuyuki Ota (Preferred Networks America, Inc.), gave a lecture on the rise of deep learning in the field of AI and prospects in medicine. He was a younger brother of Dr. Yojiro Ota, who was an ISOO member and pioneer of oral supportive care in cancer in Japan, and unfortunately died suddenly while he was in Germany for the 2013 MASCC/ISOO annual meeting. His death was informed by the obituary in Supportive Care in Cancer (2013), and now he is an honorary member of JAOSCC. His lecture was an expression of gratitude as his family.

**Emergency Symposium** - To continue oral supportive care in cancer under the COVID-19 pandemic, ISOO members, presented their experiences and discussed with participants to continue oral supportive care in cancer under the COVID-19 pandemic (below photo).



*left: Dr. Mieko Yoshimura-Mizutani, right: Dr. Hironobu Hata*

Oral Oncology, Oral Medicine and Oral Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Dental Oncology  
– Memorial Sloan Kettering  
<https://www.mskcc.org/hcp-education-training/fellowships/dental-oncology>

Oral Medicine and Oral Oncology  
– Harvard University  
<https://hsdm.harvard.edu/oral-medicine-and-oral-oncology-fellowship>

Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Dental Oncology  
– Mayo Clinic  
<https://college.mayo.edu/academics/residencies-and-fellowships/maxillofacial-prosthetics-and-dental-oncology-fellowship-minnesota/curriculum/>

Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthetics  
– MD Anderson  
<https://www.mdanderson.org/education-training/clinical-research-training/graduate-medical-education/residencies-fellowships/oncologic-dentistry.html>

Oral Oncology  
– Atrium Health  
<https://atriumhealth.org/education/graduate-medical-education/physician-residencies/general-practice-dentistry-and-oral-medicine>

Oral Oncology  
– University of Saskatchewan  
<https://dentistry.usask.ca/oral-oncology-fellowship.php>

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## Future Meetings

Mark your calendar and watch for more news about future MASCC/ISOO Annual Meetings!

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