

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues:

I hope that this newsletter provides a measure of welcome and comfort during this fragile time; a time unlike no other we can recall. There is widespread fear for our own health and the health of our families, friends and patients. Respecting the fragility of life and being grateful for the gift of being are two of the great lessons I have learned. I hope to never forget. I wanted to share a poem with you as a reminder of the lessons learned in the past.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Saunders, ISOO President



*And the people stayed home. And read books, and  
listened, and rested, and exercised, and made  
art, and played games, and learned new ways of  
being, and were still. And listened more deeply.*

*Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.*

*Some met their shadows.*

*And the people began to think differently. And  
the people healed. And, in the absense of people  
living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and  
heartless ways, the earth began to heal.*

*And when the danger passed, and the people  
joined together again, they grieved their losses,  
and made new choices, and dreamed new images,  
and created new ways to live and heal the earth  
fully, as they had been healed.*

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KITTY O'MEARA

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Written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara during  
the 4th cholera pandemic and reprinted in  
1918 during the Spanish Flu; reprinted in  
2020 during SARS-Covid-19.

## THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF PROVIDING ORAL SUPPORTIVE CARE DURING COVID-19

MASCC and ISOO are united in striving to provide best supportive care to our cancer patients. It's what we do; it is what excites us and gives our work so much purpose.

The work of our study groups reflect this vision. Our publications provide updated guidelines on best practices. Our annual meeting is a chance to exchange ideas on future research. All with one goal: improving the lives of our oncology patients.

And, regardless of tumour site or type, I think we can all agree that oral comfort and health is foundational to best quality of life.

Covid-19 is somewhat unique in the challenges it will present moving forward in providing oral supportive care. Aerosols are considered significant vectors of virus transmission. The work of oral health professionals is now much more dangerous. Dental hygienists are now considered to be at the highest risk of infection followed closely by dentists and dental assistants. Clinical practice will need to change to mitigate these potential risks both to the clinician and to the patient.

As an organization, this is something that can either discourage us or motivate us to work even more closely together.

We look forward to seeing you all in Seville in June 2021.  
In the meantime, please stay well.



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of ORAL ONCOLOGY

## UPDATES FROM THE ORAL CARE STUDY GROUP

The MOU with MASCC/ISOO and ASCO was recently renewed and systematic review of the Salivary Hypofunction and Xerostomia section is underway. The fungal review is being updated to include any new papers that might need to be included as it has been several years since the initial literature search was conducted.

Patient care fact sheets have been expanded to translation in Italian translation. New and old ISOO members are requested to reach out through <http://isoo.world/contact.html> to donate their time in completing other developments in patient education. Please reach out!

Cherry Estilo - Chair, Oral Care Study Group  
Derek Smith - Systematic Review Lead  
Noam Yarom - Vice Chair, Oral Care Study Group  
Kivanc Bektas - Research Head

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## UPDATES AROUND THE GLOBE

ISOO has some very exciting new collaborations for the 2020 year. In preparation of the MASCC/ISOO meeting in Spain, ISOO was working diligently the past year to engage other organizations around the globe to share our knowledge and expertise as well as become more aware of what other groups may be doing the same.

## ISOO COLLABORATES WITH HEAD AND NECK CANCER ALLIANCE TO BROADEN ISOO PATIENT CARE FACT SHEETS

Most recently, the ISOO has formally collaborated with the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance in bridging the gap of patient education for Head and Neck Cancer patients. It has been a great experience working with Amanda Hollinger, Executive Director [www.headandneck.org](http://www.headandneck.org) It is great to know that our patient fact sheets have another home and access to patient through the alliance. We hope to establish this type of collaboration in other countries that have patient advocacy groups in promoting better supportive care for the head and neck cancer patient. If you would like to let us know how your area of the globe may allow for this expanded collaboration please contact us! <http://isoo.world/contact.html>.



## ISOO MEETS DR. FABIO PIRES, PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMIA IBEROAMERICANA DE PATOLOGÍA Y MEDICINA BUCAL (AIPMB) AND DR ROCIO CERERO, PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIEDAD ESPAÑOLA DE MEDICINA ORAL (SEMO)

An emphasis to strengthen our community with other oral medicine Spanish communities was warmly welcomed by Drs. Pires and Cerero. We look forward to meeting new faces at the Seville 2021 meeting from other organizations like ISOO to create dialogue and strengthen the supportive care initiatives for the Head and Neck Cancer patient.



## ISOO MEETS THE BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF ORAL MEDICINE AND ORAL PATHOLOGY (SOBEP) IN BRAZIL OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2019



The Brazilian Society of Oral Medicine and Oral Pathology (SOBEP) is an institutional partner of the Head and Neck Cancer Survivorship Symposium. We received a warm support from this delegation that is always present at MASCC / ISOO meetings.

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Oral Oncology Symposium took place during the Brazilian Oncology Week in Rio de Janeiro. This bi-annual event brings together the Brazilian Societies of Clinical Oncology, Radiotherapy and Oncology Surgery.



*SBOC Oral Oncology Symposium: Dr. Eduardo Fregnani (ISOO President-Elect), Dr. Rajesh Lalla (MASCC President), Dr. Nathaniel Treister, Dr. Luiz Gueiros, and Dr. Alan Silva.*

## THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF ORAL SUPPORTIVE CARE IN CANCER (JAOSCC) WILL CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH ISOO

With the rescheduling of the 2021 MASCC/ISOO meeting taking place in Seville, Spain the meeting jointly with Japan remains undetermined. ISOO has still maintained strong communication with President, Dr Yoshihiko SOGA as previous meetings held by the JAOSCC have been endorsed by ISOO. We are happy to communicate that our hopes of holding a MASCC/ISOO annual meeting will be achievable in Japan in the near future. The ISOO organizing committee thanks our MASCC and ISOO members who were involved in planning of Japan 2021 for their understanding in MASCC's choice to reschedule the 2021 in Spain.



We encourage other Oral Supportive Care Associations to reach out to ISOO so that we can broaden your message to our members at your meetings. Please tell us about your local meetings. We are happy to post them and collaborate with you!

## WELCOME NEW ISOO MEMBERS

**Abbas Alahmadi** - Dentist, Saudi Arabia

**David Dean** - Dentist, United States

**Denise Travassos** - Dentist, Brazil

**Kevin Saganski** - Dentist, Canada

**Andreia Rocha** - Dentist/Oral Surgeon, Brazil

**Georgios Gkardiakos** - Dentist/Oral Surgeon, Greece

**Helen McInnes** - Dentist, Australia

**Josiah Halm** - Physician, United States

**Seema Kurup** - Dentist, United States

**Margot Geuke** - Dental Hygienist, Netherlands

**Roberto De Ponti** - Pharmacist, Monaco

**Chi Hoon Maeng** - Medical Oncologist, Korea, Republic of

**Mireille Kaprilian** - Dentist, Canada

**Michael Dougan** - Researcher, United States

**Nadeen Ali** - Pharmacist, Sudan

**Nara Ielo** - Dentist/Oral Surgeon, Brazil

**Niamh O'Neill** - Pharmacist, Australia

**Paulo Pizao** - Medical Oncologist, Brazil

**Pravin Chaturvedi** - Industry, United States

## UPDATE FROM ISOO SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

Greetings fellow ISOO members! We are excited to have recently launched our FaceBook (@isoo.world), Instagram (isoo.world) and Twitter (@isoo.world) pages. Thank you to everyone who have started to follow us online. Please join us to hear about upcoming announcements and updates from colleagues. Feel free to reach out to us if you have any ideas or want to join the team.

See you online!

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Amanda Gruza  
Jonn Wu*



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