Register for March 20 Webinar on Dietary Supplements

Moshe Frenkel, MD will discuss "Integrating Dietary Supplements in Cancer Care" for SIO's member-only webinar on March 20 at 1 pm EST. Participants will gain basic information on commonly used supplements in cancer care and will learn about reliable resources that can be helpful in discussing dietary supplements with cancer patients and their families. The program also will include review of realistic expectations and potential benefits and risks of nutritional supplements in cancer care.

Dr. Frenkel, chair of SIO’s Clinical Practice Committee, is the founder and director of Integrative Oncology Consultants. He has directed the integrative oncology service in the Oncology Institute at Meir Medical Center in Kfar Saba, Israel, since 2011. A board-certified family physician, Dr. Frenkel served as medical director of the Integrative Medicine Program at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, and founded MD Anderson’s first integrative medicine clinic. He has published more than 70 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals and has co-authored chapters on integrative medicine in oncology textbooks.

Registration closes Thursday, March 20th at 8:00 am EST.

Meet Webinar Presenter: Dr. Moshe Frenkel

Dr. Moshe Frenkel is a clinical associate professor at The University of Texas Medical Branch and has been involved in integrative oncology from the beginning. One could say he is a pioneer in the field as he opened the first complementary and integrative medicine (CIM) clinic at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas in 2006. For more than 15 years, he has been very involved in integrative oncology worldwide. Prior to joining MD Anderson, he served as a faculty member at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and served as a key contributor to an NIH grant on assimilating complementary and integrative medicine (CIM) into the medical school curriculum. He has authored multiple publications related to the best way to incorporate integrative medicine into conventional care and published more than 70 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals.

SI02014 Abstracts Due April 30

The Society for Integrative Oncology has opened its call for abstracts for SIO's 11th International Conference. The abstract submission deadline is April 30. The conference will be held October 26-28 in Houston, Texas.

Abstracts representing the broad spectrum of integrative oncology, integrative cancer research (basic, clinical, health care utilization, cost effectiveness, program and best practice guideline development), and clinical care are welcomed. In keeping with this year's conference theme of "Personalized Integrative
are eager to develop their skills in integrative oncology research. SIO colleagues will be sharing information and having more conversations at conferences and educational programs in the months ahead. Please let us know if you have suggestions for other professional societies and associations who may be interested in learning more about SIO.

We welcome your continued participation in this collaboration for SIO’s mission to advance evidence-based, comprehensive, integrative healthcare to improve the lives of people affected by cancer.

Very best,

Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD
President, SIO

Oncology: Targeted Approaches for Optimal Outcome, " individuals submitting abstracts are encouraged to consider the targeted and personalized approaches of their work and its relevance to integrative cancer care. Submissions must be made through the SIO Online Abstract Submission System. The guidelines are contained in this online system. After creating a user profile, the primary author can create, modify, and submit an abstract until the deadline.

ASCO Session to Feature Founding, Past SIO Presidents

“The Integrative Oncology: The Evidence Base” will be the topic of the education session presented on May 31 at the American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting by SIO Founding President Barrie R. Cassileth, PhD, of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Past President and current Research Committee Co-Chair Lorenzo Cohen, PhD, of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Also on the program will be Michelle Harvie, PhD, of the Genesis Breast Cancer Prevention Centre, University Hospital South Manchester. The Annual Meeting will be held May 30-June 3 in Chicago.

SIO Board Members Present at ASPO

"Cancer Prevention and Integrative Oncology Research: A Handshake With the Society for Integrative Oncology” was presented by SIO President Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD, of Columbia University, and Board member Omer Kucuk, MD, of Emory University, at the American Society of Preventive Oncology (ASPO) Annual Meeting on March 10th in Arlington, Virginia.

The presentation included discussion of the scientific intersection between cancer prevention and control and integrative oncology. They were joined on this panel by the Co-Leaders of ASPO’s Special Interest Group on Survivorship and Health Outcomes and Comparative Effectiveness Research, Karen Basen-Engquist, PhD, MPH, of the MD Anderson Cancer Center, and Katie Sterba, PhD, of the University of South Carolina.

Nominations Sought for SIO Board

SIO is accepting nominations from SIO members to fill four anticipated vacancies on its Board of Trustees. Service will begin in October 2014. Nominations of individuals who are researchers, clinicians, clinical researchers, patients and patient advocates are welcomed. The deadline for nominations is April 30.

Training Opportunities

Markers in Cancer Diagnostic Development

Markers in Cancer Diagnostic Development will be held May 5-6 in Bethesda, Maryland. Those interested in attending need to submit applications. The program is sponsored by the American Society of Clinical Oncology, European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer, Food and Drug Administration and National Cancer Institute.

Discussion will include issues critical to understanding the advances, development, limitations, and validation of molecular markers. This limited-attendance event will feature didactic presentations and hands-on discussions of real-life challenges in an interactive format. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. The tutorial will take place in conjunction with the May 7-9 Accelerating Anticancer Agent Development and Validation Workshop.

Research in Health Training

A five-day training Institute for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health will be held July 21-25 in Boston, Massachusetts. Applications to attend are due by April 6. The training, designed for investigators, is sponsored by Harvard University, with support from the National Institutes of Health and
Department of Veterans Affairs. Practitioners and teachers will speak on theory, implementation and evaluation approaches, creating partnerships and multi-level, transdisciplinary research teams, research design, methods and analyses appropriate for D&I investigations and conducting research at different and multiple levels of interventions (e.g., clinical, community, policy).

Events of Interest

April 5 - 9, 2014

American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting
San Diego, California

May 2 - 3, 2014

Oncology Nutrition Symposium
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Orlando, Florida

May 13 - 16, 2014

International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine & Health 2014
Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine with International Society for Complementary Medicine Research
Miami, Florida

May 30 - June 3, 2014

ASCO Annual Meeting
American Society of Clinical Oncology
Chicago, Illinois

October 13 - 15, 2014

6th Biennial Symposium of Integrative Medicine Professions in the Land of Enchantment including Simply Botanicals Pre-Conference Workshop on October 12
Albuquerque, New Mexico

October 31 - November 2, 2014

WFAS Houston 2014 Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine Conference
World Federation of Acupuncture and Moxibustion Societies, hosted by American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine
Houston, Texas