President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

We are placing the finishing touches on SIO’s 11th International Conference on October 26-28, 2014 to be held in Houston, Texas. If you have not done so already, now is the time to register and join an accomplished group of multi-disciplinary oncology researchers and practitioners from around the globe.

Our theme this year is “Personalized Integrative Oncology: Targeted Approaches for Optimal Outcome,” which acknowledges both the growing science behind, and the growing patient demand for, a whole-person approach to cancer care that addresses the mind, body and spirit. In this issue of the NewsWire, we continue to profile the educational elements of the conference, and introduce the abstracts chosen for our popular Best of SIO session.

For the first time this year, we have created specific Clinical Practice and Patient Advocate conference tracks. You can read about these tracks in this NewsWire. Another new feature this year is that we are now offering continuing education credit through a new multi-year partnership with the University of Minnesota.

The conference is an ideal time for our international membership to share cutting edge science and to mingle with colleagues. Our Board of Trustees and Committees will develop strategic plans for the coming years. In the coming weeks, we will introduce you to our vibrant Committees and will hope to spark your interest and inspire you to become more involved in SIO.

On a separate note, we have been receiving inquiries from SIO members about David Gorski’s recent and fairly scathing opinion piece, Integrative Oncology: really the best of both worlds?, published in Nature Reviews Cancer (Epub 18 September 2014). I want to let our SIO members and colleagues know that we have submitted a strong letter to the journal’s editor in response to this publication. I think this kind of commentary in a top-tier journal can help propel our field forward by engaging our experts in a lively conversation. We look forward to sharing our response with you once we are further

Best of SIO Abstracts Selected

This year, SIO received a record number of research abstract submissions for SIO’s 11th International Conference in Houston Texas. The abstracts reflect the breadth and depth of research being done in our field. The Best of SIO sessions are always a conference highlight. The session will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. and the following abstracts have been selected for presentation:

In Vivo Assessment of the Therapeutic Effects of Lyophilized Leech Saliva Extract From (Hirudinaria manilensis) on Different Tumor Xenograft Models in Nude Mice - Mohamed Hessein Hassona, RPh, PhD, Vancouver Prostate Centre

Baseline Response Expectancy: A Potential Tool for Personalized Acupuncture Therapy - Joshua Baumli, MD, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Effect of Traditional Chinese Medicine on the Recurrence and Metastasis of Stage II and III Colorectal Cancer after Radical Operation: A Prospective, Multicenter Cohort Study (the 5-year Follow-up Results) - Yufei Yang, MD, PhD, China Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Xiyuan Hospital, Oncology Department, Beijing

Demographic Predictors of Use and Safety of Acupuncture in Children and Adolescents Undergoing Treatment for Cancer – Sagar Chokshi, MS, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, Stratford, New Jersey

Evaluation of Active Hexose Correlated Compound (AHCC) for the Eradication of HPV Infections in Women - Judith Smith, PharmD, The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHealth) Medical School

SIO2014 Features Clinical and Patient Advocate Tracks

For the first time, SIO has created a Clinical Track and a Patient Advocate Track at the conference.

CLINICAL TRACK

Sunday, October 26, 2014
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Pre-Conference Workshop: Clinical Research
1:30-2:30 p.m.
Keynote: The Contribution of Genomics to Integrative Oncology
John Mendelsohn, MD
2:45-3:45 p.m.
Plenary: Personalized Integrative Oncology
John Mendelsohn, MD, Patrick Hwu, MD, and Maurie Markman, MD

Monday, October 27, 2014
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Keynote: Stress and Cancer: From Science to Personal Perspective
Sonia Lupien, PhD
10:15-11:15 a.m.
Plenary: Symptom Management in Integrative Oncology - Joint Session
AAHPM President Elect Christine Ritchie, MD, MSPH; Eduardo Bruera, MD; and Shalini Dahal, MD

PATIENT ADVOCATE TRACK

Sunday, October 26, 2014
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Keynote: Patient Advocacy in Integrative Oncology Panel
Joan D’Arcy
1:35-2:30 p.m.
Panelists:...
along in the process. We will keep you posted.

See you in Houston!

Very best,

Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD
President, SIO

Upcoming Events

October 26 - 28, 2014

11th International Conference of the Society for Integrative Oncology
Personalized Integrative Oncology: Targeted Approaches for Optimal Outcomes
Omni Houston Galleria Hotel, Houston, Texas

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

8:15-9:15 a.m.
Keynote: The Impact of Sleep, Fatigue and Circadian Rhythms on Patients with Cancer
Sonia Ancoli-Israel, PhD

11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Oral Abstracts: Health Services
Review of the Literature in Integrative Oncology

3:45-5:00 p.m.
Oral Abstracts: Energy and Balance
Oral Abstracts: Cancer Symptom Control
Tumor Board

PATIENT ADVOCATE TRACK SESSIONS

Sunday, October 26, 2014

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Patient Advocate and Trainee Pre-Conference Workshop: Research in Integrative Oncology - Hot Topics

1:30-2:30 p.m.
Keynote: The Contribution of Genomics to Integrative Oncology
John Mendelsohn, MD

2:45-3:45 p.m.
Plenary: Personalized Integrative Oncology
John Mendelsohn, MD; Patrick Hwu, MD; and Maurie Markman, MD

4:00-6:00 p.m.
Poster Reception

6:30-8:00 p.m.
Patient Advocate and Trainee Dinner (offsite)
Monday, October 27, 2014

7:15-8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast Roundtables

9:00-10:00 a.m.  
Keynote: Stress and Cancer: From Science to Personal Perspective  
*Sonia Lupien, PhD*

10:15-11:15 a.m.  
Plenary: Symptom Management in Integrative Oncology - Joint Session  
*AAHPCM President Elect Christine Ritchie, MD, MSPH; Eduardo Bruero, MD; and Shalini Dahal, MD*

1:15-2:30 p.m.  
Plenary: SIO Breast Cancer Clinical Guidelines and Highlights from JNCI Monograph on Integrative Oncology  
*Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD; Debu Tripathy, MD; Jun Mao, MD, MSCE; and Lorenzo Cohen, PhD*

3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Oral Abstracts: Mind-Body  
Tumor Board

4:30-5:45 p.m.  
Oral Abstracts: TCM and Acupuncture

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*Sonia Ancoli-Israel, PhD*

9:30-10:45 a.m.  
Best of SIO *(see article in this issue)*

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Review of the Literature in Integrative Oncology

2:00-3:15 p.m.  
Plenary: Epigenetics, Lifestyles and Cancer  
*C. Richard Boland, MD; Jean-Pierre Issa, MD; and Roderick Dashwood, PhD*

3:45-5:00 p.m.  
Oral Abstracts: Energy and Balance  
Tumor Board

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**MD Anderson Plans Post-SIO2014 Workshop**

MD Anderson Cancer Center is conducting an [Integrative Medicine Program Workshop](#) on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at the Center in Houston, Texas, following the SIO International Conference, scheduled for Sunday-Tuesday, October 26-28, 2014, also in Houston. The workshop is designed for healthcare professionals interested in learning more about integrative medicine in a comprehensive cancer center. Discussion will include establishing, expanding, or maintaining an integrative oncology program, with descriptions of MD Anderson's clinical and education programs as well as operations and research. Participants will interact with the program leaders, faculty and staff, tour the clinic and group practice area, as well as other Center facilities.
Upcoming Conferences and Events of Interest

October 29, 2014

Integrative Medicine Workshop
MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

October 29 - 31, 2014

American Institute for Cancer Research Annual Research Conference
Washington, District of Columbia