

President's Message

Greetings!

SIO is celebrating spring, a time of new beginnings, with the launch of [our new web site](#). Read in this issue about the development and some of the features of the new site. Also, look for new material, updates and features as we continue to grow our web site. Additionally, you will notice SIO's new logo, which conveys both growth and the multi-disciplinary nature of our organization.

Along with the launch of our new website and logo we have a number of other important updates and announcements. This issue of the NewsWire spotlights our luncheon speakers at the 2015 SIO Annual Conference in Boston. Please, take time to look at the luncheon speaker information on the SIO 2015 Conference website along with information about keynote speakers, plenary topics and logistical information. The conference kicks off with a joint day of programming in association with the Society for Acupuncture Research and the Fascia Research Society, followed by two days of SIO educational sessions and networking.



What makes our conferences truly successful is your participation. Some of the many ways our members contribute and enrich our conferences are through workshops and presentation of scientific abstracts. So please be aware that we have opened our [call for conference workshops proposals](#), due no later than 5 pm Eastern Time on May 8, and opened our [call for abstracts](#), due no later than May 20. Our conference is a great venue to share your presentations. We look forward to submissions.

SIO's Board works year-round to develop initiatives and resources that promote our mission to advance evidence-based comprehensive, integrative healthcare to improve the life of people affected by cancer. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming more involved with SIO, this is your time to submit a nomination for Board service – see our call for nominations in this issue.

Warm Regards,

Suzanna Zick, ND

SIO debuts new web site, logo

SIO has launched a [new web site](#) to increase content and facilitate access in the rapidly growing field of integrative oncology. Concurrent with this launch, the [web page for SIO's 2015 international conference](#) also has gone live.

The new site, developed by a special task force and in coordination with SIO committees, is designed to quickly place information at your fingertips. Categories include clinicians, researchers and patients, as well as professional development, about us, media center, and SIO's popular guidelines. Information of mutual interest, such as databases, is available in multiple categories to avoid requiring further searching.

Among new features is a bi-monthly [research update](#) of relevant literature, based on search criteria that focus on original clinical research in human populations spanning a full range of complementary therapy modalities. The update includes the project abstract, link and commentary.

This is the first phase of the launch of the new site. SIO's Web Task Force, the Clinical Practice and Research committees and Patient Advocacy Task Force are developing content that will be added later this spring, as well as periodic updates.

"We are delighted to provide this new site, which, reflecting the growth of integrative oncology and SIO, is designed as a vehicle to add resources and inform you about events and opportunities for your involvement," said President Suzanna Zick, ND, MPH. She expressed the organization's appreciation to the Web Task Force Co-Chairs, Immediate Past President Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD, and President-Elect Jun Mao, MD, and members of the other committees for their contributions of content for the site.

Luncheon speakers announced

SIO's 2015 international conference will feature educational presentations at two luncheons for attendees. The conference will be held in Boston, Massachusetts on November 14-16.

The November 15 luncheon will feature the Dr. Rogers Prize recipient, [Sunita Vohra, MD, MSc](#), pediatrician and founding director of Canada's first academic pediatric integrative medicine program, CARE (Complementary and Alternative Medicine Research and Education), University of Alberta. She will discuss Advances in Natural Health Product Research: New Ways to Answer Ongoing Questions About Safety and Drug Interactions. With background in pediatrics, clinical epidemiology and clinical pharmacology, she has led numerous studies of the effectiveness of complementary therapies.

Diet Change in Hispanic Cancer Survivors will be the subject at the November 16 lunch, with speaker [Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD](#), SIO's Immediate Past President and Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York. Dr. Greenlee is a behavioral scientist and translational epidemiologist whose work focuses on understanding what cancer survivors can do, in addition to conventional care, to improve cancer outcomes. Much of her work has focused on breast and colorectal cancer, with a specific interest in Latina breast cancer survivors.



[Read more](#) about the conference.

Call for Abstracts, Workshops

The Society for Integrative Oncology has opened its [call for abstracts](#) for the 12th International Conference of the Society for Integrative Oncology, which will be held November 14-16, 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts. The abstract submission deadline is May 20. Notifications will be made in late June. Individuals submitting abstracts are encouraged to consider this year's conference theme of Integrative Innovation. Submissions must be made through the [SIO Online Abstract Submission System](#). After creating a user profile, the primary author can create, modify, and submit an abstract until the deadline.

SIO also is accepting [workshop submissions](#) for the conference, with a deadline of May 8 at 5 pm Eastern Time. Workshop proposals must be authored by at least two organizers from two different institutions. Notifications concerning the review of the workshop proposals will be sent in late May.

Board Nominations Sought

SIO is accepting nominations from SIO members for the Board of Trustees. Service will begin November in 2015. Nominations of individuals who are researchers, clinicians, clinical researchers, patients and patient advocates are welcomed. The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 8.

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Call for Nominations: Dr. Rogers Prize: Nominations are now being accepted for the Dr. Rogers Prize for Excellence in Complementary & Alternative Medicine. The award recognizes significant contributions to CAM in Canada. Nominations close: Friday, May 29, 2015, at 5 pm PST. The Prize will be presented at the gala awards dinner on September 25, 2015. Awarded every two years, the Prize is funded by the Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation. Read more about the [nomination process](#).

Minnesota Medical Association Honors: SIO Board member and Education Committee Chair Gregory Plotnikoff, MD, has been honored by the Minnesota Medical Association in its [2015 Inspiring Physicians](#). The recognition names

physicians who go above and beyond their regular work of treating patients, researching disease or educating physicians in training. Read more about [Dr. Plotnikoff's work](#) in integrative medicine.

Canadian/US Integrative Oncology Study: The Ottawa Integrative Cancer Centre of the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine and Bastyr University Research Institute in Washington State have announced a [collaborative study](#) of the effectiveness of advanced integrative oncology treatment. The \$3 million grant, from a private Canadian foundation that wishes to remain anonymous, will fund this Canadian/US Integrative Oncology Study (CUSIOS). "The results of this study will provide valuable insight on the role of naturopathic medicine in cancer care and will lead to the conduct of more rigorous randomized controlled trials," said Dugald Seely, ND, MSc, FABNO, Executive Director of OICC, Director of Research for CCNM, and Canadian lead investigator for CUSIOS. Dr. Seely is a past Board member of SIO.

Upcoming Events

[ONS Annual Congress](#) | April 23-26, 2015

[ACIMH Annual Meeting](#) | May 3-5, 2015

[ASCO Annual Meeting](#) | May 29-June 2, 2015

[SIO 12th International Conference](#) | November 14-16, 2015



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