

# President's Message

Greetings!

Since 2007, National Cancer Research Month has been celebrated in May. These designations serve to shine a spotlight on – and increase awareness of – the critical role of research in oncology including integrative oncology. Senate resolutions over the years have provided the sobering statistics about cancer and cited “the importance of cancer research and the contributions of scientists, clinicians, and patient advocates ... who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer.”



At SIO, we honor and work to advance cancer research year-round. This newsletter highlights a number of initiatives both at our annual conference in Boston this November and projects of SIO's Research Committee, exemplifying SIO's commitment to bringing information about the highest quality integrative oncology research to our membership. An exciting new element of our international conference is a New Investigator Forum on Integrative Oncology Research on November 15, 2015. This forum is being led by Ting Bao, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and Anita Kinney, PhD, RN, University of New Mexico Cancer Center, both members of SIO's Research Committee. This New Investigator Research Forum focuses on developing talented young investigators in integrative oncology. The scholars selected will meet with leaders in the field, and present their research for discussion and constructive feedback. Another highlight from our annual conference in Boston being led by our Research Committee is a review of highlights from the year's integrative oncology literature, which will be held November 15. This session will be moderated by Dr. Bao and features as speakers: Linda Carlson, PhD, CPsych, University of Calgary; Weidong Lu, MB, PhD, MPH, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; and K. Simon Yeung, PharmD, MBA, LAc, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. This should be a lively session focused on bringing you the best clinical pearls from this year's research findings.

In this newsletter, please also find our newest research update. This update lists relevant integrative oncology research from the last several months with links to the full texts for more in-depth study. SIO is also putting out a request for proposals for our 2017 conference site. If you have been waiting to highlight your institution's integrative oncology program and science, here is chance to do just that by hosting SIO's annual conference in 2017.

We also are excited to find out about all of your research! Make sure to submit an abstract so your colleagues can hear about your cutting edge findings in integrative oncology research. The annual conference deadline is Wednesday, May 20 for both the conference workshop and abstract submissions. Please take advantage of the opportunity to share your work. We look forward to greeting you at the conference. Visit the [conference web site](#) for information about these and many other programs.

Warm Regards,

Suzanna Zick, ND, MPH

SIO President

# Board Spotlight: Anita Kinney

Anita Kinney, PhD, RN, a professor and population scientist recognized for work in cancer prevention and behavioral epidemiology, has joined the SIO Board of Trustees. Dr. Kinney is the Carolyn R. Surface Endowed Chair in Cancer Population Sciences at the University of New Mexico and Associate Director for Cancer Control and Population Sciences, UNM Cancer Center. [Read more](#)

## Site Proposals Sought for 2017

SIO welcomes proposals for the location of its international conference in the fall of 2017. The deadline for submission of proposals is September 18, 2015 to [info@integrativeonc.org](mailto:info@integrativeonc.org). See the [request for proposals](#).

## New Research Update on Web

The Research Committee has provided a [new update](#) on research findings on acupuncture, yoga, massage, and natural health products. The update is a selection of recent papers to be listed on the SIO website, based on search criteria that focus on original clinical research in human populations spanning a full range of complementary therapy modalities.

## Integrative Oncology News

**ASCO Annual Meeting:** The Integrative Cancer Prevention: Nutrition, Supplements and Lifestyle presentations at the [ASCO Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago, Illinois, on June 2 will include discussion by Donald Abrams, MD, on Lifestyle Modifications and Dietary Supplements in Secondary Prevention and by Heather Greenlee, ND, PhD, on SIO's Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Use of Integrative Therapies During Breast Cancer Treatment. Both are past presidents of SIO.

**SWOG Symptom Control and Quality of Life Committee Co-Chair opportunity:** A Co-Chair is sought for the SWOG NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Symptoms Control and Quality of Life Committee. For more information, [click here](#).

# 2015 Conference

**New Investigator Forum:** New elements at the SIO 12th International Conference in November 2015 will include a New Investigator Forum on Integrative Oncology Research. As part of its mission to foster integrative oncology research and career development, SIO seeks applications from students, postdoctoral trainees, junior faculty and those who are novice integrative oncology researchers to participate in this inaugural research forum which will take place November 15 from 6:30-9 p.m. The forum will be in a small group setting consisting of research experts and new investigators/trainees in integrative oncology where ideas, information, feedback and guidance will be exchanged. Anita Kinney, PhD, RN, and Ting Bao, MD, DABMA, MS, will coordinate the session. Additional faculty members with relevant scientific expertise will participate. The application instructions are available [here](#). The deadline for submissions is July 1, 2015. Please circulate to your trainees and colleagues and encourage them to apply.

**Deadline extended for Workshop Submissions:** The deadline for workshop proposals for the SIO 2015 conference has been extended to May 20. The conference theme this year is Integrative Innovation. The conference will be held November 14-16, 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts. For criteria and submission procedures, [click here](#).

**Abstract Proposals Due May 20:** Submission of abstract proposals for the SIO 2015 International Conference are due May 20. The conference will be held November 14-16, 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts. 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. The guidelines are contained in this [online system](#).

**Patient Advocate Workshop Co-Leader Sought:** SIO's Scientific Program Committee is seeking a professional with expertise in advocacy, legislation and policy to co-lead the Patient Advocate Workshop at the 12th International Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, on Monday, November 16, 2015 from 3:45-5 p.m. Please send an email of interest to [info@integrativeonc.org](mailto:info@integrativeonc.org).

**SIO Conference Support/Exhibitor Opportunities:** The SIO 12th International Conference provides a unique opportunity to exhibit products or services to the interdisciplinary professionals attending the event November 14-16, 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts. More than 300 practitioners from more than 30 professions involved in integrative oncology participate in the conference. Read more about these opportunities in the conference [support prospectus](#).

## Upcoming Events

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

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



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