President's Message

One of SIO's strategic priorities is to increase the expansion of resources in integrative oncology as a service to our membership.

In this issue, we introduce some new elements and update you on additional projects in the works. Each month, in collaboration with Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, we will provide information on an herb. For March, we have chosen turmeric. Our Research Committee also offers a new update on research findings. Please make a note of our webinar series for the spring, beginning with a March 31 program on developing an integrative oncology practice.

And we introduce you to one of the four plenary sessions scheduled for SIO's International Conference November 5-7, 2016 in Miami, Florida. Each month, we will provide more programming news for the conference. Applications for conference workshop proposals are open through March 30. Please provide your workshop submission and abstract proposal encourage your colleagues to do the same.

We appreciate and encourage your participation in SIO and welcome your feedback and ideas. Be in touch.

Jun J. Mao, MD, MSCE
President

Give to SIO and the future of Integrative Oncology

Your support of the Society for Integrative Oncology helps advance our mission by developing public and professional resources.
SIO 2016 conference

Natural products plenary: SIO’s International Conference November 5-7, 2016 in Miami Florida, will feature plenary sessions on natural products, culture and caregiving, mind-body, and policy issues.

In this month’s NewsWire, we introduce the presenters of the natural products plenary session, set for November 6.

With Peiying Yang, PhD, of MD Anderson Cancer Center as moderator, panelists will include Nagi Kumar, PhD, RD, FADA, Moffitt Cancer Center; Michael J. Wargovich, PhD, FACN, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; and Robert S. Chapkin, PhD, Texas A&M University. Read more

Call for abstracts open: SIO welcomes proposals for oral and poster abstracts for the conference. Submissions may be made through Wednesday, May 18 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Click here for guidelines and the form.

Call for workshops: The call for conference workshop proposals for the 2016 conference has been

SIO slates webinars

Mark your calendar for SIO’s professional development webinars.

A two-part series of one-hour webinars on developing an integrative oncology practice will be held March 31 and May 26. Webinars are available at no cost to SIO members as a benefit of membership and $20 for others.

March 31, 1 p.m. ET: The "Strategic Decisions in Developing an Integrative Oncology Practice - An Academic Perspective" webinar will feature Richard T. Lee, MD, Seidman Cancer Center, University Hospitals Case Medical Center and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. Register here

May 26, 1 p.m. ET: Santosh Rao, MD, of Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center will be the speaker for this webinar that will build on the March oncology practice development program and review financial aspects of developing an integrative practice, including a focus on expenses and funding and financial models. Register here

June (date and time TBD): The June webinar will feature Peiying Yang, PhD, MS, of MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Yang will speak
extended to **Wednesday, March 30 at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.** [Click here](#) for the guidelines and form for submission.

**2015 joint conference video:** Catch the [video](#) of the Joint Day program that SIO conducted with the Society for Acupuncture Research, Fascia Research Society and the Osher Center at Harvard Medical Center that launched the 2015 international conference.

**SIO research updates**

The SIO Research Committee has posted its latest updates of relevant literature, which focus on CAM, therapeutic touch, and aromatherapy.

**Herb of the month: Tumeric**

Beginning with this month’s NewsWire, we will profile an herb relevant to cancer patients. This column is being provided with thanks to the Integrative Medicine Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, which maintains an [About Herbs](#) web site.

We chose turmeric for this issue because of the growing interest in its anti-cancer potential. This perennial herb has a 5,000-year-long history of medicinal and culinary use in India and China that exerts a wide spectrum of biological effects. [Read more](#).

**Events**

about her basic research on the impact of dietary sugar on cancer.

**Career/training opportunities**

The Miami Cancer Institute is seeking a physician to serve as Medical Director of Integrative Medicine. The Institute, at Baptist Health South Florida, is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2016. Applications are due by July 1, 2016. [Read more](#) about the position and application process.

**University Hospitals** Seidman Cancer Center of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio, is seeking an experienced Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant - Integrative Oncology. [Click here](#) for the position description and application information.

**News: Integrative oncology**

**Nutrition Research Roadmap:** On March 4, the U.S. Interagency Committee on Human Nutrition Research (ICHNR) released the first Nutrition Research Roadmap designed to guide federal nutrition research. The resource includes reference to the National Cancer Institute and oncology. [Access the Roadmap](#).

**International Congress:** SIO Past President Heather Greenlee, PhD, ND, will be a speaker at the [International Congress for Integrative Health & Medicine](#) in
June in Germany. Her topic will be guidelines for evidence-based treatment of breast cancer and an integrative approach to cancer prevention.

The Canadian Cancer Survivorship Research Consortium featured SIO Research Committee Co-Chair Linda Carlson, PhD, RPsych, for its March 18 Rounds webinar. Dr. Carlson discussed “Mind-Body Clinical Trials in Cancer Survivors: Overview of MINDSET (MINDfulness vs. Supportive Expressive Therapy)” and the study protocol for MATCH (Mindfulness and Tai Chi for Cancer Health).

MD Anderson Cancer Center is presenting a two-day Integrative Medicine Program Workshop for health care professionals on how to set up an integrative oncology program. Faculty for the April 7-8 program will include SIO members Lorenzo Cohen, PhD; Peiying Yang, PhD, MS; Alejandro Chaoul, MD; Gabriel Lopez, MD; and M. Kay Garcia, DrPH, MSN, LAc.

Cancer Survivor Treks: SIO member David Victorson, PhD, shares plans of the not-for-profit True North Treks for 2016 canoeing and backpacking adventures in the Northwestern part of the U.S. for cancer caregivers and survivors. Dr. Victorson chairs TNT’s Board of Directors.

If you have integrative oncology news from your neck of woods that you would like to share with our members, send to: info@integrativeonc.org with
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