President's Message

This month's NewsWire highlights the culture and caregiving plenary session at our November 5-7, 2016 international conference in Miami, Florida. We also draw your attention to two approaching deadlines for opportunities to submit proposals for conference participation. The call for abstracts deadline has been extended to June 1. Please encourage your team and colleagues to submit to be part of making this an amazing conference. Based on feedback from last year's conference, we will again be presenting a forum for new investigators to gain feedback on work in progress; the deadline for applications for this small group setting is July 1. Please visit the conference web site for updates on programming and networking events.

This spring is blossoming with research and surveys. We note studies in the research and integrative news segments of this issue. As you will read below, two studies involving SIO Past President Heather Greenlee, PhD, ND, have been published by the CDC and JAMA Oncology emphasizing the importance of discussion of CAM by the cancer care team with the patient. I also note a new survey from CancerCare, “Patient Access and Engagement Report” that shares the patient’s perspective. There are several specific references to CAM and indirect references on patient well-being. The bottom line: communicate and coordinate across a multi-disciplinary team and with the patient.

As always, be in touch.

Jun J. Mao, MD, MSCE
President

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13th International Conference

Culture and Caregiving

Plenary: The 2016 SIO international conference will include a plenary session on November 6 on "Caregiving, Culture and Integrative Oncology: Global Perspectives." This session will feature, as moderator, Judith Fouladbakhsh, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC, of Oakland University and, as panelists, Allison Applebaum, PhD, of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Samreet Kumar, PhD, of Memorial Healthcare System; and BeJoy Thomas, PhD, of the University of Calgary.

They will discuss their approaches to the care of those affected by cancer, including patients and caregivers worldwide; the challenge to deliver consistently high quality care across treatment and during survivorship; compassion, fatigue and burnout among providers; and evidence-based approaches to enhance resiliency. Read more about this session. Read more about other 2016 conference programs.

SIO Webinar June 9

SIO's next webinar will be held June 9 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Peiying Yang, PhD, MS, of MD Anderson Cancer Center will speak about her basic research on the impact of dietary sugar on cancer. Click here to register. SIO webinars are free to members as a benefit of membership and $20 for others.

Webinars are archived in the members-only area, including the March 31 program on strategic decisions in developing an integrative oncology practice and the May 26 webinar on financial aspects of developing an integrative practice.

News: Integrative Oncology

Use of CAM: Past President Heather Greenlee, PhD, ND, is lead author of a study published in JAMA Oncology in May, Association Between Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use and Breast
Call for Abstracts: June 1 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time is the deadline for submission of 2016 conference abstract proposals. Click here for guidelines and the form and share this opportunity with your colleagues.

New Investigator Forum: SIO invites applications for the New Investigator Forum, a small group setting where scholars selected gain feedback on their research. Applications are due by July 1. Learn more about the forum and application process.

Conference Support: The SIO international conference includes exhibit and other support opportunities. Check out and share the support prospectus, with guidelines and application information, for the 2016 international conference to be held November 5-7, 2016 in Miami, Florida.


SIO Research Updates

This month’s update on research findings identifies studies on acupuncture, CAM use, Reiki, and yoga and includes commentary.

The Research Committee selects a number of recent papers, based on search criteria that focus on original clinical research in human populations spanning a full range of cancer. Cancer Chemotherapy Initiation,” which cited the need for clinicians to discuss CAM use with all breast cancer patients. Check out her interview in Hematology-Oncology Today. She also co-authored a study published in May on line by the Centers for Disease Control, “Multiple Chronic Conditions and Use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine Among US Adults: Results From the 2012 National Health Interview Survey.” The study concludes that people with multiple chronic conditions have a high prevalence of CAM use, and longitudinal studies are needed to understand the association between CAM use and chronic disease prevention and treatment.

IMHC Presentations: Academic Consortium of Integrative Medicine and Health Congress May 17-20 in Las Vegas, Nevada featured panel presentations by a number of SIO members. They included President-Elect Lynda Balneaves and Dugald Seely, Changing the Conversation: Messaging and Communication Strategies to Address Contentious Issues in Complementary/Integrative Medicine; Board member Claudia Witt, Policy and the Economics of Integrative Medicine; Dr. Balneaves and Dr. Witt, How Is Integrative Health Care Being Practiced in Clinical Centers: Mapping the Field on the Different Continents; Past President Donald Abrams, BraveNet Practice Based Research Network: Results, Lessons Learned and Future Directions; Eric Garland, Mechanistic Insights Supporting the Relationship Between Mindfulness Meditation-Based Pain Relief,
complementary therapy modalities. Read the update

Herb of the Month: Green Tea

We chose green tea for this month’s newsletter because of its continued popularity around the world as an antioxidant.

This monthly resource is provided with thanks to the Integrative Medicine Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, which maintains a free website, “About Herbs” (www.mskcc.org/aboutherbs), with objective and unbiased information about herbs, vitamins, minerals, and other dietary supplements, as well as unproven anticancer treatments. Read more about green tea.

Events


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Reward Processing and Craving; Dr. Balneaves and Board member Judith Fouladbakhsh, Global Perspectives: Moving Integrative Healthcare Knowledge into Practice and Policy.

Symposium Keynote: SIO member Victoria Maizes, MD, will be a keynoter at the July 11-14 Symposium of Integrative Medicine Professionals in the Land of Enchantment. Plenary speakers will include SIO member Victor Sierpina, MD. The Taos NM conference is conducted by the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine and the Gaples Institute for Integrative Cardiology.

JAOM Article: The Journal of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine’s spring issue includes an article on “A Model for Integrating Acupuncture Into Supportive Care in Oncology,” co-authored by SIO Board member Katherine Taromina, LAc.

MicroRNA study: The results from an MD Anderson Cancer Center study published in the May 5 online issue of Cell Reports, indicate that microRNAs have a greater significance than previously thought and could lead to new therapeutic approaches for the most common and deadly form of ovarian cancer. The research team, led by Gordon Mills, PhD, chair of Systems Biology, included SIO member Gabriel Lopez-Berestein, MD.

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to: info@integrativeonc.org with
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