

Conference News

Are you organising an annual meeting or conference which you would like to tell our readers about? Or would you like to write a report on a meeting or conference of particular interest? If so, contact Patricia McDonnell at Oncology News on T/F: +44 (0)288 289 7023, E: patricia@oncologynews.biz

British Sarcoma Group's annual conference

Date: 27 February – 1 March, 2013. Venue: Nottingham, UK.

PREVIEW

The British Sarcoma Group's annual conference is being held in Nottingham. The multidisciplinary meeting is the UK's main scientific and educational meeting for specialists in treating these rare tumours. It is the BSG's policy to ensure that the meeting is truly multi-disciplinary and it encourages junior doctors and non-medical health professionals to take part.

The headline speaker this year is Dr Mark Murphey, Chief of Musculoskeletal Radiology at the Armed Forces Institute in Washington DC. He is joined by leading surgeon Dr Alessandro Gronchi from Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori in Milan, and by Professor Sir Mike Richards, National Cancer Director and Director for Domain One for the NHS Commissioning Board.



The meeting combines workshops on Wednesday 27th, with symposia addressing key issues in oncology and surgery, together with plenary sessions looking at cross-cutting issues.

A regular highlight are open paper sessions where some researchers get their first opportunity to present a paper to their peers. Abstract submissions closed in December 2012.

The chair of the Programme Committee for the 2013 meeting is Mr Rob Ashford the lead clinician of the East Midlands Sarcoma Service, one of the 15 sarcoma MDTs in England. ■

Visit: www.britishsarcomagroup.org.uk

Breakthrough Triple Negative Breast Cancer Conference

Date: 26-28 June, 2013. Venue: London, UK.

PREVIEW

Breakthrough Breast Cancer will host the second international conference on triple negative breast cancer in June 2013 at Church House in London. The meeting is the world's only dedicated triple negative breast cancer conference, bringing together the internationally recognized scientists and clinicians that are central to triple negative research.

Triple negative breast cancer accounts for approximately 20% of breast cancer cases and is extremely aggressive, claiming many thousands of lives every year. Despite great efforts, the oncogenic drivers of the disease remain poorly characterized and targeted therapies remain out of reach. That's why deepening aetiological understanding, improving diagnostic testing and developing effective treatments against triple negative disease are high priorities for breast cancer research. The 2nd Triple Negative Breast Cancer Conference provides a dedicated platform on which to discuss these pressing challenges.

The meeting will look to build on the success of the 2011 conference and highlight the novel laboratory approaches, innovative pre-clinical science and latest clinical trial results that are shaping the future of triple negative research. Specific talks will focus on pre-clinical modeling approaches, the role of host-immune responses in breast cancer development, targeted drug combinations and clinical management of triple negative breast cancer.

With talks and posters presented by the brightest minds in the basic and clinical sciences, we aim to create an interactive workshop atmosphere with time dedicated to discussion and sharing expertise across disciplines. We hope you can join your peers for the most important 3 days in the breast cancer calendar.

TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER CONFERENCE

26 – 28 JUNE 2013
CHURCH HOUSE, LONDON

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Scientific programme committee

Andrew Tutt, London, UK
Rebecca Dent, Toronto, Canada
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Speakers

Bob Brown, London, UK
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Christine Desmedt, Brussels, Belgium
Matt Ellis, St. Louis, US
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For abstract submission, registration and more
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www.breakthroughconference.org.uk or
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1st Nurses Against Bladder Cancer Forum

Date: 12 October, 2012. **Venue:** London, UK.

Paula Allchorne (senior bladder cancer nurse specialist for Barts Health), with the support of Consultant Urologist and bladder cancer lead, Mr James Green, pioneered the first NaBC Forum at the Royal Society of Medicine on the 12th October, 2012.

The event was a huge success attracting over 70 bladder cancer nurse specialists from 47 different hospitals in England and Scotland. Paula explained that the primary objective was to create a specialist nursing forum to share good practice and create a network that will help develop standards of care.

National leads in bladder cancer updated the audience on the most recent advances in clinical research and practice. The blueprint for the day was established by the national lead for peer review, national lead in MDT work and developer of MDT fit. The morning session concluded with an example of best practice by nurse consultant Brain McGlynn or runs the urology service at Ayr University hospital. Leading urological surgeon Professor Dasgupta gave a fascinating insight on robotic surgery and uro-oncologists Dr Ansari and Dr Hussain presented new research suggesting



radical chemoradiotherapy might provide an effective bladder-sparing alternative to surgery.

Paula Allchorne and Mr Green co-ordinated an outstanding programme which focused on 'the nurse specialists needs'. The day met a broad

spectrum of educational requirements for both urology and oncology nurses and finished with two lively interactive learning sessions on neurolinguistic programming and management of sexual dysfunction in patients after treatment. With the day being such a success and demand so it will now be run as an annual event. ■

For further information on NaBC or to register your interest for the next meeting (date to be confirmed)

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6th International Conference on Children's Bone Health

Date: 22-25 June 2013. **Venue:** Rotterdam, Netherlands.

PREVIEW

The aim of this Conference is to bring together scientists and clinicians from a wide range of disciplines and from across the globe to gain a better understanding of the growing skeleton in health and disease.

Cancer in particular is known to impact on bone health, and despite exciting recent advances there is still much to discover about the effects of cancers and cancer treatments on bone and mineral homeostasis in children and young people as well as adults. Speakers will look in particular at bone and endocrine side-effects in childhood Hodgkins lymphoma and acute lymphoblastic leukaemia and the effect of cancer on childhood fractures.

We encourage you to submit your abstracts and clinical cases for what promises to be an exciting and rewarding meeting for anyone with an interest in bone development and the impact of childhood diseases and their treatments.



Key topics include:

- Bone development
- Bone disease and metabolism
- Diagnostics
- Epidemiology
- Bone health in chronic and rare diseases
- Medical therapies
- Nutrition
- Physical activity

The conference is approved for 18 CME credits, and there are grants and reduced registration fees for students (PhD students, undergraduates), Junior Post Docs (within 3 years of PhD), residents, fellows, and allied health professionals. ■

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