

Are you organising an annual meeting or conference which you would like to tell our readers about?
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BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting

Date: 24 April 2015. **Venue:** London, UK.

The BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting was held on 24 April 2015. It was attended by a record 217 delegates. The day started with an update on DAHNO followed which is now finished and a new national audit called HANA will start shortly. The data collected in DAHNO will be subsumed by the new audit. This was followed by an interesting talk by Professor Ben Bridgewater, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, on surgeon-level reporting and its beneficial effects on cardiothoracic surgery. He recounted his vision for surgeon-level reporting to be the standard in all surgical specialties and explained the potential benefits and pit falls.

An update on the NCRI Head and Neck Clinical Trials Portfolio was given showing the wealth of clinical trials that are available for MDTs to participate in. This was then followed by the Blair Hesketh lecture given this year by Professor Vincent Gregoire from the University of Leuven in Belgium. Professor Gregoire gave a very well thought out and very considered expose of the evidence base for re-irradiation and chemotherapy in the recurrence setting. Following that a case-based panel discussion on recurrence took place. This was moderated by Professor Gregoire and included Dr Mehmet Sen, Clinical Oncologist, Leeds, Sarah Orr, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Professor Rob George, palliative care consultant, and me.

The AGM took place after lunch. This saw the inauguration of Mr Mike Fardy, Cardiff, as President (pictured), taking over from Mr Paul Pracy. BAHNO continues to fulfil its role as the only multidisciplinary professional body for head and neck oncologists of all specialties. Financially, the organisation continues to be on



an even keel.

There were two sessions on oral presentations. These covered a wide variety of topics from the diagnosis and management of thyroid cancer to very eloquent presentations on the role of insulin growth factor one in head and neck cancer. Dr Oliver Dale, Oxford, won the prize for best presentation. There were over X posters, with the submission on improving outcome measures of oropharyngeal cancer by Barry Mains, Bristol, winning the prize for best poster.

The final event of the day was a debate entitled "This house believes that publication of clinician level outcome data is of proven benefit in improving the quality of patient care in Head and Neck Cancer". A

strong defence of the motion was mounted by Mr Ian Martin, Maxillofacial Surgeon from Sunderland, and Professor Tony Narula, President of ENT UK. On the other hand a spirited attack of the motion was provided by Ms Anita Hazari, Plastic Surgeon and Mr David Chadwick, Endocrine and Thyroid Surgeon. The pros and cons of surgeon-level reporting were discussed in detail with supporting evidence given on both sides. In the end the motion was defeated with a resounding majority.

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Leukaemia CARE's Haematology Nurses Conference 2015

Date: 4 November 2015. **Venue:** London, UK.

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Leukaemia CARE's annual Haematology Nurses Conference will be held in London on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at The Christie School of Oncology Education Centre.

Accredited by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), Leukaemia CARE's Haematology Nurses Conference brings together haematology nurses from across the UK to learn more about blood cancers.

This insightful and educational day will feature talks and presentations from medical and nursing experts and delegates will have the chance to learn more about topics including leukaemias,



rarer blood cancers, late effects and the emotional impact of blood cancer.

The event is open to all nurses working within the field of haematology in the UK and is accredited for seven CPD hours. We hope you can join us at this exciting event.

Esther Wroughton, Care Director at Leukaemia CARE

For further information visit:
www.leukaemiacare.org.uk/nurses-conferences

33rd Irish Association of Nurses in Oncology Annual Conference 2015 (IANO)

Date: 17-18 April 2015. **Venue:** Galway, Ireland.

A very busy Conference weekend commenced on Friday afternoon with the Irish Association of Nurses in Oncology (IANO) Annual General Meeting taking place at Salt Hill Hotel in Galway. The outgoing president Eileen O'Donovan presented a summary of work that had taken place over the past two years of her Tenure. Highlighting the organisation's role in promoting education, information, research and national and international networking opportunities for its nursing members. Eileen thanked the outgoing secretary Ms Aoife McNamara (lung cancer nursing special interest group) and other outgoing committee members and welcomed incoming president Pauline Kehoe (South-eastern network) and Secretary Olivia Grady (Sligo / Galway network).

The conference held on Saturday April 18th was very well attended by delegates from all over country and representative of specialist and non-specialist caring for patients and families affected by Cancer related illnesses across various disciplines and clinical settings. The agenda was set to include updates and presentations across many aspects of nursing care to include both Adult and Young Teenager cancer care.

The conference was expertly chaired by Ms Jean Kelly, Chief Director Of Nursing & Midwifery West North West Hospitals Group. The opening lecture was provide by Ms Mary Day, CEO Mater Hospital and Lead for Dublin / East hospital group, titled 'Leading the Way' which was a very inspirational presentation of her journey from Oncology nurse to being a leader in one of Ireland's largest hospital groups. Dr Mary Hynes, Assistant Nursing Director, National Cancer Control Programme, provided a very detailed update on the role of the NCCP to date and the plans going forward for National Cancer Services.

'Legal Aspects of Documentation' presented by Ms Rosemary Wilson, Nurse and barrister of law provided great interest and audience interaction on this very relevant topic for all practitioners.

Dr Eileen Furlong UCD school of Nursing presented an evaluation of the Irish Cancer Society's Cancer Information Services, which provided clear evidence of the benefit of the service being provided and its integral part in providing assistance and support to people affected by cancer.

Ms Maria Cable Teenager Cancer Care Programmes, Coventry University and Teenage Cancer trust, gave a really in-depth picture of a service being specifically provided for teenagers and young adults diagnosed with and enduring treatment for cancer, this being one of the first presentations on Teenage Cancers included in an IANO conference agenda, which was highly evaluated by the delegates.

The afternoon session was divided into clinical updates in the form of 'break out sessions', which delegates could attend depending on their area of interest, again these sessions have been highly evaluated in the past and again on this occasion. The sessions were organised by the national executive members representing each of the special interest groups involved under the umbrella of IANO. The updates were provided by Clinical experts in each area and included a question and answer session, Topics as follows:

- **Lung Cancer:** "Living beyond Lung Cancer" Ms Collette Grant, cancer information service nurse & Ms Maeve O'Grady, Senior Physiotherapist, CUH.
- **Lung Cancer:** Meeting the Mesothelioma Nurse Challenge – Ms Liz Darlison, Macmillan Mesothelioma Nurses Consultant,



Left to right: Eileen O'Donovan, outgoing IANO president, with Charlotte Gleeson winner of Sheila Clarke Bursary Award, Pauline Kehoe Incoming president IANO.

Mesothelioma UK.

- **Breast Cancer:** Update on breast reconstruction options – Mr Dhafir Alazwai, Consultant Oncoplastic surgeon, St. James Hospital.
- **Breast Cancer:** Psychological support needs following a breast cancer diagnosis – Ms Mary Moriarty, Clinical Nurse Manager 2 Dept of Psycho- Oncology, SVUH.
- **Colorectal Cancer:** Cytoreductive surgery & HIPEC – Mr Jurgen Mulsow, Mater Hospital.
- **Colorectal Cancer:** Colorectal Cancer Screening – Ms Brid Ni Fhionnagain, NCSS Galway University Hospital.
- **Gynaecological:** Cervical & HPV Screening – An update – Ms Elaine Buckley, Smear taker coordinator, National Cancer Screening Service.
- **Gynaecological:** Robotic surgery for endometrial Cancer – What the future Holds – Mr Bill Boyd, Consultant Gynaecological Oncologist, MMUH.
- **Research:** Overview Of the benefits and risks of harnessing the immune system to fight cancer – Prof Christine Loscher, Director of health technologies research and Enterprise Hub, DCU.

The Conference concluded with the presentation of the first Sheila Clarke Bursary award and poster presentation prize winners were announced. The Sheila Clarke Bursary Award was awarded to Ms Charlotte Gleeson, Nurse Cancer Services University Hospital Limerick.

There were fourteen posters entered covering a wide range of topics, demonstrating a high standard of innovation, relevance to practice, and enthusiasm for change. The winners were in 1st place; Teresa Slevin and colleagues, National Paediatric Haematology/Oncology Centre Our Lady's Children's hospital Crumlin. The 2nd prize was awarded to Deborah O'Doherty, Beaumont Hospital, for poster titled "Safe guarding our nurses reducing exposure risk of hazardous drugs".

Poster prizes were sponsored by MSD in the form of an educational bursary.

The annual conference will take place in a different format in 2016, with a Spring Convention planned and also the IANO hosting for the first time in Ireland the European Oncology Nursing 10th annual congress (EONS 10) Dublin Autumn 2016.

Pauline Kehoe, IANO President.

ESMO Announces Annual Medical Oncology Congress Platform in Europe from 2016

Date: 7-11 October 2016. **Venue:** Copenhagen, Denmark and **Date:** 8-12 September 2017. **Venue:** Madrid, Spain.

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Following the success of the ESMO 2014 congress, the European Society for Medical Oncology has announced that it will be organising an annual Congress in Europe starting in 2016.

ESMO 2014 represented a remarkable milestone for the oncology community, with a record number of 19,809 participants and a 24% increase in abstract submission.

"What ESMO 2014 highlighted is how important our Congress has become as a platform for presenting the results of studies which will have a direct impact on the treatment and care of cancer patients," said ESMO President Rolf A Stahel, "Holding an annual Congress will allow ESMO to accommodate the rapid pace of progress in our field and to fulfil its mission of promoting education and disseminating knowledge to guarantee the best patient care".

An annual congress will also enable ESMO to build on the close collaborations already established with its many partners, including national oncology societies in Europe and worldwide and other international organisations which already play a significant role in many ESMO activities.

"Closer collaborations and stronger working relationships are becoming increasingly important in facilitating a truly integrated approach to cancer treatment and patient care, and we look forward to working with all our partners in the best interests of cancer patients in the years ahead," said Fortunato Ciardiello, ESMO President-Elect.

In line with this consideration and following the ESMO 2016 congress in Copenhagen, ESMO 2017 will be held in Madrid and for the very first time in partnership with the European Association for Cancer Research (EACR).

'Integrating science into oncology for better patient outcomes' will be the over-arching theme which will drive ESMO's collaborative efforts in making ESMO 2017 a truly integrated oncology congress focused on advancing oncology and improving treatment options for patients. Save the dates for the most influential annual meeting for oncology professionals in Europe.

For further information, please visit: www.esmo.org

AORTIC 2015 10TH International Conference on Cancer in Africa

Date: 18-22 November 2015. **Venue:** Marrakech, Morocco.

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The African Organisation for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) is pleased to announce its 10th International Conference on Cancer in Africa: AORTIC 2015. It will take place in Marrakech, Morocco from 18 – 22 November 2015 at the Palais des Congrès de Marrakech.

AORTIC conferences are held every two years and provide a unique platform where leading African and international health care professionals in cancer care, advocates, leaders in Government, and various members of the international health industry and global cancer community meet to discuss cancer-related matters and proffer solutions that can significantly reduce the impact of cancer in Africa and around the world.

AORTIC 2013 was held in Durban, South Africa in November 2013. Two days of pre-conference workshops preceded the three-day conference that saw 974 delegates from 70 countries come together under the theme "Cancer in Africa: Bridging Science and Humanity".

Following the remarkably successful conference in 2013, AORTIC 2015 expects to welcome more than 1000 participants from all over the world to engage with the theme "Roadmap to Cancer Control in Africa" and a programme developed by an internationally-representative Scientific Programme Committee covering a diverse range of topics related to cancer control in Africa.



With the support of the Lalla Salma Foundation for Cancer Prevention and Treatment, the multidisciplinary five-day AORTIC 2015 conference will feature interactive workshops, industry symposia, keynote addresses, plenary sessions, breakfast sessions and free communication of abstracts, as well as a social programme to enhance

participant interaction. All cancer-related professions will be present, providing a unique mix of expertise, as we aim to equip attendees with diverse tools that can be implemented in resourceful ways.

To make a difference, AORTIC invites you, as a committed member of the international cancer control community, to contribute to and listen to world-renowned speakers, to network with colleagues and professionals from all over the world, and to be exposed to the latest research findings in the cancer arena. Our carefully packaged programme offers you a unique opportunity to change the trajectory of cancer in Africa and the rest of the world.

We look forward to welcoming you to Marrakech, Morocco in November 2015.

For more information, please see the conference website: www.aorticconference.org or email Conference Secretariat info@aorticconference.org

16th IASLC World Conference on Lung Cancer

Date: 6-9 September 2015. **Venue:** Denver, Colorado, USA.

The next World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC), hosted by the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC), will take place September 6 – 9, 2015 in Denver, CO, USA.

While much encouragement and progress is going on these days in the lung cancer field, both with screening as well as treatment, the disease is still a huge global health problem. The Conference will address all aspects from tobacco policy/prevention to biology and treatment progress of all stages of lung cancer.

Denver is a smart, vibrant city with 300 days of sunshine. From the new History Colorado Center, the always amazing Denver museum of Nature & Science to the mile-long pedestrian promenade, lined with fine dining, shopping and a lively nightlife — your opportunities are endless in Denver. There is also a world of adventure waiting to be discovered in the Rocky Mountains, just a short drive from Denver.

Who Should Attend?

The 16th World Conference on Lung Cancer will be one of the largest international gatherings of clinicians and scientists in the field of lung cancer and thoracic malignancies.



Those interested in all aspects of lung cancer including surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, pulmonologists, radiologists, pathologists, epidemiologists, basic research scientists are encouraged to attend this Conference.

Also, the Conference will continue implementing special sessions for nurses,

allied health professional and advocacy members.

Based on the success of previous Conferences, more than 9,000 delegates from all around the world are expected to attend. We are looking forward to a program covering a wide range of disciplines including more than 300 invited talks and 3,000 scientific abstracts presented in Oral, Mini Oral and Poster Sessions.

We will continue with the extraordinarily successful Hands-On Training Sessions and the Young Investigator Session to provide young investigators and other physicians in early stages of their career with the opportunity to receive one-on-one guidance from leading international experts.

Visit: www.iaslc.org

Meet the Editorial Team



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