

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?
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BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting 2016 – Joint meeting with Allied Health Professionals

Date: 13 May 2016. **Venue:** London, UK.

Preview

This year's British Association of Head & Neck Oncologists Annual Scientific Meeting will be on the topic of 'Head and neck cancer treatment – at what cost?'

We are running a new format for the meeting this year in conjunction with our allied health professional colleagues. The programme will include some joint sessions, as well as some parallel sessions for the AHPs – aimed at increasing the participation of the different disciplines involved in the management of head and neck cancer.

We are lucky to have a very distinguished speaker – Professor Joseph Helman from the University of Michigan – to deliver the



Blair Hesketh Lecture. The debate is going to be on the topic of this house believes that the NHS can afford transoral robotic surgery. We have an excellent line up of speakers, whom we have pitted against their usual stances on this topic, hopefully leading to a very interesting debate.

Please note the change in the date of the meeting this year – it is not the usual last Friday in April to avoid clashing with several other conferences.

For further information visit: <http://bahno.org.uk>

International Society of Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Conference 2016

Date: 12-15 June 2016. **Venue:** Liverpool, UK.

Preview

ISPNO meetings have become the pre-eminent event in the field of Central Nervous Tumours in children and young people. The International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO) is the major biennial global meeting of the multi-disciplinary international community of professionals involved in the research, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of infants and children with brain tumours. ISPNO has enjoyed consistent growth since its first meeting in 1986 with over 800 delegates drawn mostly from oncology, neurosurgery and radiation oncology.

The 17th ISPNO in 2016 will mark the second meeting of ISPNO in the UK, returning to England for the first time since the London meeting in 2002. This year's conference will be hosted in the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Liverpool. It will take place within the ACC Liverpool which is equipped with fantastic facilities to host a conference of this size. Liverpool City itself has various shops, tourist attractions and restaurants within the vicinity of the ACC Liverpool. This provides delegates with plenty of options as to how they spend their downtime during the conference period.

Throughout the entire symposium, attendees will engage in dialog regarding new surgical treatments, innovative research and advances in pediatric neuro-oncology in a dynamic and interactive forum designed to significantly expand the knowledge base of attendees and further enhance overall patient care worldwide.

Who should attend?

The 17th ISPNO welcomes attendees from the following list:*

1. Regional and International Delegates from Developed and Developing Countries
2. Leading Decision-Makers and Researchers in the Field of Neuro-Oncology



3. Sub-specialties such as: Neuro-oncologists, Neurosurgeons, Radiation Oncologists, Developmental and General Pediatricians, Neurologists, Neuroscience Researchers, Late Effects Specialists, Neuro-Pathologists, Neuro-Radiologists, Endocrinologists, Rehabilitation Specialists, Nurses, Allied Health Groups such as Psychologists and Social Workers

*This list is not exhaustive and is intended as a guide only. The 17th ISPNO encourages all professionals dedicated to the care of children with CNS tumours to benefit from this valuable opportunity to engage with experts, gain insights and establish new collaborations from the enriching plenaries, poster program and more.

Registration for this event opens 4th January with abstract submissions open up until the 19th February 2016.

Visit: www.ISPNO2016.com

The 11th Palliative Care Congress

Date: 9-11 March 2016. **Venue:** Glasgow, UK.

Preview

The biennial Palliative Care Congress is will have its eleventh meeting at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow, from 9-11 March 2016.

The event is a joint collaboration between the Association for Palliative Medicine and the Palliative Care Research Society and brings together practitioners involved in palliative care from across the specialty – doctors, nurses, researchers, social workers, bereavement officers and other allied health professions, from whatever contexts they practice – NHS, charity, hospital, day units.

Congress is a great opportunity to meet with others, share practice, understand what the national perspective is and think how new ideas could affect local practice.

The Organising Committee decided to centre the emphasis for this Congress on holism. Palliative care has always stated that holism, i.e. treating people as people and addressing their medical, social, psychological and spiritual needs, is at the heart of the movement. The challenge in the current health environment, where evidence and cost effectiveness are called for, is for palliative care to define or redefine how holism works and why it is still the right focus for care for those with life limiting illness.



To help us do this we have invited speakers who are engaging and challenging but also well recognised within their field. Professor Arthur Frank will be speaking on the challenge to health care of survivorship. He will be expanding ideas first put forward in his land mark book 'The Wounded Storyteller'. Rev John Bell will be talking on spiritual care within health. John is guardian of the Iona Community and a frequent speaker on Radio 4.

As well as our headline speakers we will be hosting posters and oral presentations of the latest research within the field, as well as updates on the latest in symptom control and a range of lectures, symposia, masterclasses and workshops.

The program is packed, varied and has something to challenge, stretch and make each delegate think. We look forward to learning with you in Glasgow.

**For the latest information, please visit our website
www.pccongress.org.uk**

*Derek Willis,
Chair, The 11th Palliative Care Congress.*

John Fitzpatrick Irish Prostate Cancer Conference 2016

Date: 21-22 April 2016. **Venue:** Dublin, Ireland.

Preview

Last April's inaugural John Fitzpatrick Irish Prostate Cancer Conference was a significant success with over 300 delegates in attendance. For 2016, this multidisciplinary meeting will once again bring together leading Irish and UK health care professionals with an international faculty of oncology and urology experts from Europe, North America and Australia. The meeting will provide participants with the opportunity to facilitate best practice by discussing and disseminating the latest trends and developments in treatment and therapy whilst also affording the opportunity to network with peers.

Professor John Fitzpatrick, distinguished academic urologist, Emeritus Professor of Surgery at the University College Dublin (UCD) School of Medicine & Medical Science, former Consultant Urologist and Chairman of the Division of Surgery at Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH), Dublin, and Head of Research at the Irish Cancer Society, sadly passed away in May 2014.

He was an academic clinician / scientist of distinction, advancing surgical techniques and urology training throughout his career.

Professor Fitzpatrick developed enduring professional connections across the UK and Europe, North America, and Australasia earning



a reputation on the global stage seldom before afforded to an Irish surgeon.

Professor's research interests were wide and varied, including Prostate Cancer. He was a founding member of the Prostate Cancer Research Consortium, a groundbreaking collaboration between UCD, TCD, RCSI, DCU, and their affiliated teaching hospitals. His publications in the Prostate Cancer arena spanned the entire spectrum from the bench to the bedside. He performed open and robotic surgeries in a career of over 1,000 radical prostatectomies.

Professor Fitzpatrick's immeasurable contribution to the understanding and management of prostate cancer will be forever remembered at this new annual meeting, the John Fitzpatrick Irish Prostate Cancer Conference.

Registration will be open to medical professionals working in the urology and cancer care communities; consultants; surgeons; nurses; scientists; registrars; researchers and trainees. The programme will be available shortly at www.irishprostatecancerconference.weebly.com

Please note this meeting has submitted an application for CPD Credits from the RCSI Faculty of Radiologists.