



Dear Members,

This is another very exciting year for SSO with many great events and learning experiences for all of us!

Throughout the year, SSO had co-organised multiple educational events partnering both academic institutions and industry to provide high-level oncology content for all our members to partake in.

We had concluded the 3rd BASCO 2017 that was successfully held over the two days from 7-8 July 2017. Again this was well attended with over 300 participants from over 15 countries and over 30 poster presentations.

We also followed up with the 2nd

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SSO – NCCS Renal Cell Carcinoma Preceptorship 2017 held on 9-10 July 2017. We had participants from over 6 countries in the region with faculty comprising of oncologists from all the public institutions and private practice as well.

ESMO has now decided to set up base in Singapore (as their 1st overseas office) and continue their long standing relationship with SSO and its regional partners. This is an important development that will help elevate the level of oncologic care for our patients in the region as well.

The ESMO ASIA 2017 will be held on 17-19 November 2017 in Singapore. We invite you to save the date for ESMO Asia 2017!

It has truly been a pleasure to lead this society for the past year. All this would not have been possible

without the dedication and commitment of all the committee members I have had the privilege to work with over the year. I would also like to thank the members who have not only participated in our many activities but also given us many ideas on how to improve the society. Your feedback and suggestions are valuable to us, so please keep them coming.

Thank you!

Warm regards,



Ravindran Kanesvaran

President, SSO 2016 - 2018

Best of ASCO – 3rd Singapore Society of Oncology Annual Scientific Meeting on 7 -8 July 2017

Singapore Society of Oncology organised its third Best of ASCO Annual Scientific Meeting on 7 & 8 July 2017 at One Farrer Hotel.

The two-day conference commenced with a welcome address by Dr Ravindran Kanesvaran, the President of Singapore Society of Oncology.

For the first time, Singapore Society of Oncology organised an inter-society symposium with the theme “Building Bridges to Develop Oncology in Asia”. International experts from Medical Oncology Group of Australia, Japanese Society of Medical Oncology, and Malaysia Oncological Society joined the Symposium.

Apart from that, this year’s format of the conference was changed to incorporate case studies discussions into various tumour-specific symposia.

This encouraged greater interaction between participants and the faculty, and benefitted everyone who attended from a practical point of view.



The highlight of Best of ASCO is the presentation of key selected abstracts from the hundreds presented at ASCO Annual Meeting in Chicago by the expert faculty.

Attendees were kept abreast with the latest developments in the field and well informed of the direction the field is headed as well.

An abstract competition was held to encourage everyone in cancer research to come forth and share their knowledge in the field.

Delegates were invited to submit abstracts pertaining to the 25 tracks.

The abstracts are judged by the co-chairs of the scientific committee, Dr Johann Tang and Dr Eileen Poon during abstract presentation on 7 July. Winners were announced before the lunch symposium on 8 July. The top three abstracts were awarded to Dr Joline Lim, Dr Choo Bok Ai and Dr Anne Hultberg respectively.

Best of ASCO 2017 concluded successfully with an attendance of over 300 local and international delegates from 15 countries and over 30 abstract submissions.

Best of ASCO 2017

Photographs



Panel Discussion - Exchanging of ideas



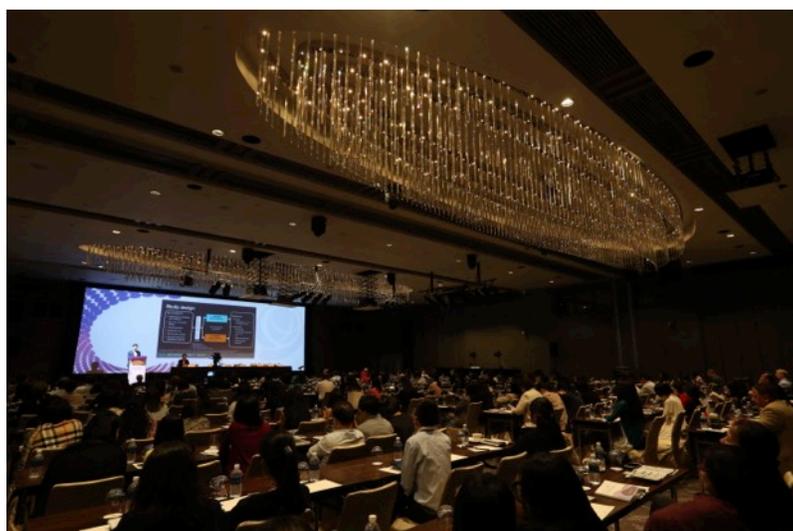
From left to right: Dr Johann Tang (Scientific Co-chairman BASCO 2017), Dr Eileen Poon (Scientific Chairman BASCO 2017), Dr Zarnie LWIN (Representative of Medical Oncology Group of Australia) and Dr Ravindran Kaneshvaran (President of Singapore Society of Oncology)



Questions and answers time



Exhibition in Best of ASCO 2017



Over 300 local and international delegates from 15 countries attended the Best of ASCO 2017.



Networking session

To view more photographs from Best of ASCO 2017, please visit <https://www.bascoasia.com/gallery>

The 2nd SSO – NCCS Renal Cell Carcinoma Preceptorship 2017

Singapore Society of Oncology in conjunction with National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS) held the 2nd RCC Preceptorship on 9th – 10th July 2017 at the National Cancer Centre Singapore and SingHealth Academia.

The aim of the programme was to improve understanding of the key practical considerations and limitations of diagnostic and therapeutic modalities in renal cell carcinoma through didactic lectures and breakout sessions.

The participants were medical oncologists from local and regional countries including Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Philippines Taiwan, and Vietnam.

Prof Guru Sonpavde from UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, Birmingham, USA delivered talks on “State of the Art Management of Metastatic RCC” and “The Role of Adjuvant Therapy in RCC: Emerging Data ”

The local faculty comprised of oncologists from all the public institutions and private practice as well.

There was also a breakout-session with case presentation in small groups by participants at the end of the session on Day 1.



Breakout session

Day 2 started with a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) discussion with all the faculty members.

It was followed by a tour around the Polaris Laboratory located at the SingHealth Academia. The programme concluded successfully with Dr Ravindran Kanesharan, the President of Singapore Society of Oncology presenting the Certificate of Attendance to all the attending participants.



MDT discussion with the faculties



Participants visited the Polaris Laboratory located at Singhealth Academia

Doctor, Could This Be Cancer?

Singapore Society of Oncology supported the Singapore Cancer Society in an educational series for general practitioners (GPs) that revolve around three main topics – Gynecological, Colorectal and Breast Cancer. The talk was held at the Health Promotion Board Auditorium.

The first GP educational series was on Gynecological Cancer held on 27th May 2017. The speakers, Dr See Hui Ti, Dr John Chia, and Dr Joseph Ng shared how GPs could empower their patients to take ownership of their health and adopt healthy practices such as knowing family history and going for regular screening to detect cancer early.

The second GP educational series was on Colorectal Cancer held on 22nd July 2017. More than 70 general practitioners attended the Symposium. There was a panel discussion on different case

scenarios and treatments for the cancer. GPs were then asked to participate by sharing their thoughts.

The third and last GP educational series is on Breast Cancer which will be held on 28 October 2017.

Interesting topics such as breast cancer screening, understanding heredity breast cancer, supporting patients through treatment and post

cancer will be shared during the symposium.



Breast Cancer Group Meeting

The Breast Cancer Group organised a talk on "Assessment of margins" on 22nd February 2017. At the talk, Dr Tan Yap Yuen delivered a lecture on "Optimising intraoperative evaluation of margins". Dr Anjula Thomas gave a lecture on "Histological evaluation of surgical margins in breast carcinoma; the standards and the realities".

The second Breast Cancer Group meeting "Of Wires and Clips" was held on the 11th July 2017 at the Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre. Dr Eugene Ong presented a case discussion on "Radiological orientation of localisation specimens" and "Ultrasound identification of biopsy marker clips: new developments with demonstration.

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Upcoming Events – Singapore


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ESMO ASIA 2017

Save the date!

SINGAPORE 17-19 NOVEMBER 2017

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

12 July 2017	Abstract submission
23 August 2017	Early registration
11 October 2017	Late-breaking abstracts
11 October 2017	Late registration

ESMO Asia Singapore, 17 -19 Nov 2017

ESMO Asia 2017 will keep oncology professionals in the Asia-Pacific region up to date with the fast pace of oncology science and education, and provide important networking opportunities with international peers.

The congress programme will offer state of the art oncology education covering all major tumour types. We invite you to save the date for ESMO Asia 2017!

ESMO Asia 2017 will be held at the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore.

1 Raffles Boulevard, Suntec City, Singapore 039593).

Highlights

Programme

- **International experts: Congress Officers and Speakers**
- **Abstract-driven scientific sessions**
- **State-of-the-art education covering all tumour types**
- **Multidisciplinary patient cases**
- **Young Oncologists sessions**
- **ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines sessions**
- **“Best of” session**

The ESMO Asia 2017 Congress programme is online!

To view the ESMO Asia 2017 programme, please go to <http://www.esmoasia.org>

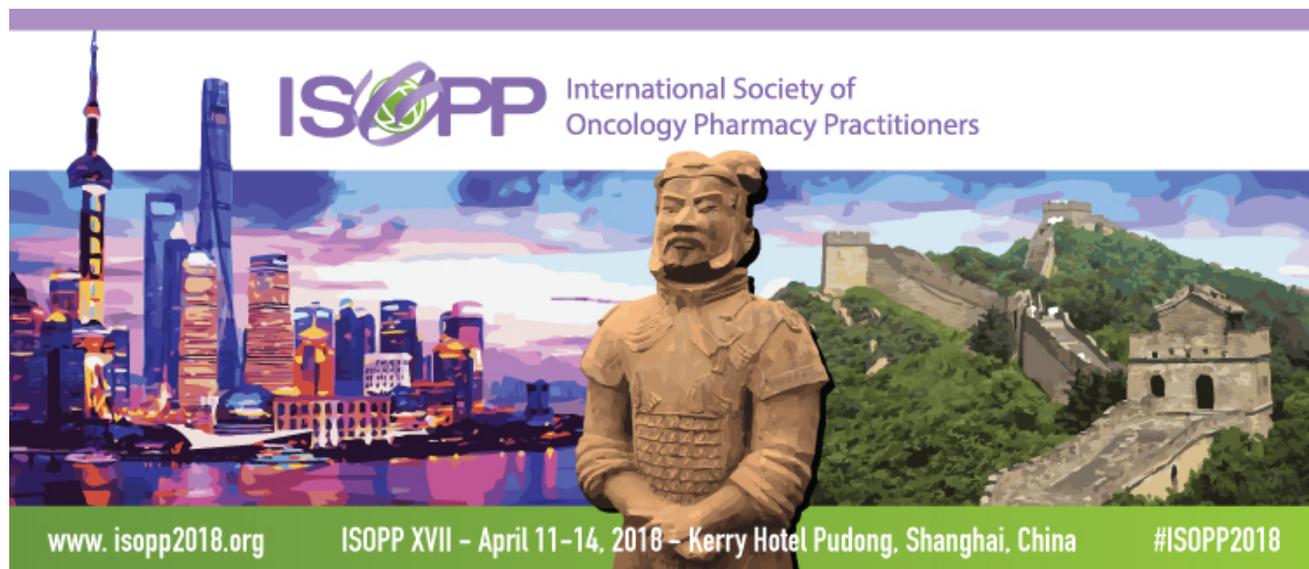
Upcoming Events – Regional



The 13th International Conference of the
Asian Clinical Oncology Society
 23-25 February 2018, Chiang Mai, Thailand

The 13th International Conference of Asian Clinical Oncology Society 2018 23-25 February 2018, Empress Convention Centre

The ACOS International Conference is held every two years in member countries in Asia. The conference covers a wide range of topics in cancer such as prevention, epidemiology, statistics, multidisciplinary treatment i.e. surgical therapy, chemotherapy including oriental medicine, radiotherapy, as well as patient care under high-grade development of translational research. For more information, please visit <http://www.acos2018.com>



XVII International Symposium on Oncology Pharmacy Practice (ISOPP 2018) 11- 14 April 2018, Shanghai, China

The International Society of Oncology Pharmacy Practitioners (ISOPP) presents the XVII International Symposium on Oncology Pharmacy Practice (ISOPP 2018), April 11-13, and one day Masterclass, April 14, at the Kerry Hotel Pudong in Shanghai, China. The local host is the Shanghai Anti-Cancer Association.

Attend ISOPP 2018 to: advance your practice and build competence, make connections with oncology pharmacy practitioners from around the world, be part of the ISOPP community advancing cancer care and explore Shanghai and the surrounding area!

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