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Greetings from the President

Dear Member of the ISOO,

The ISOO is a very international society, which is demonstrated by the attendance and locations of our meetings. The last meeting was (again) a great success, as we learned from the questionnaire that we sent out after the Sydney meeting. This was one of the comments: “Mike Giblin did an amazing job with the programme and the talks were extremely interesting and pertinent. Venue was perfect and the organizing team made sure all was in order. One of the best ISOO meetings I have attended.” I am very grateful to Mike, Lizz and all the other members of their team and the programme committee for organizing a scientifically and socially great meeting.

The next meeting is being planned in Los Angeles (March 22-26, 2019), and after that we will move to my home city, Leiden, in The Netherlands (June 18-22, 2021). The organization of both meetings is actively going forwards and Jesse Berry informs you about the meeting in LA in this newsletter.

Thanks to our previous president, Arun Singh, and the other editor-in-chief, Hans Grossniklaus, we have our own journal, Ocular Oncology and Pathology. I very much encourage you to read it, and send in good papers. The better papers we get, the higher number of citations our journal will get, leading to better submissions, etc.

In our newsletter, we like to call attention to future meetings, and also inform people of interesting new papers. If you have published an oncology paper, please send us a short summary. We will also use this newsletter for information about AJCC nomenclature, guidelines, and grants, so if you have information, please send it to contact@isoo.org.

We hope to set up a system to share difficult cases and ask for advise. And please provide me with any suggestion with what you expect from this society.

Warm greetings

Martine J. Jager, president International Society of Ocular Oncology
Sydney
• Fantastic city to visit and bring the family too.
• Being on the Harbour was great
• Far for most delegates and expensive
• Venue was perfect and the organizing team made sure all was in order.

Meeting
• One of the best I have attended
• Great presentation from all the experts
• It's good to have interaction with other oncology areas as clinical oncology
• Different speakers for each topic very appreciated.

Organisation
• Great hospitality shown by the hosts
• Audio visual needed some help
• Dr Giblin did an amazing job with the programme and the talks were extremely interesting and pertinent.

Dr Ralph Eagle receives the Stallard medal.

Dr Francis Munier: Judith Kingston lecture.
Comment from our Honorary Secretary,

The Sydney meeting has been a great success and in the name of the 315 attending delegates, I would like to congratulate Michael Giblin and his team for their fantastic performance. A questionnaire was sent around and 122 people answered, 60% were delegates, 40% speakers. Not only were the organization and the venue highly appreciated, but the general content of the scientific program was praised by over 95% of the attendees. Most people attended the whole conference. 94% considered the conference center very good-excellent.

Behind this very positive feedback, the evaluation report also brings some relevant suggestions for continuous improvement of our biannual meeting. Among these, several of you expressed a kind of frustration regarding the too numerous presentations, the inability of the moderator to ensure respect of the allotted time, resulting in a truncated discussion. Also, there was a trend in favor of more controversies for hot topics in ocular oncology and a move from digital back to real posters, these considered more suitable for discussion with presenters standing next to them during lunch sessions. Finally, in order to increase the level of interactions, it was advised to give more room to basic and translational research papers as well as to clinicians from developing nations by invitation. In previsions of 2019, the executive committee and the Los Angeles hosting team will do their best to create a dream meeting in Los Angeles. I am looking forward to celebrating with you all a memorable and profitable ISOO congress in the City of Angels.

Francis Munier
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Victoria Cohen studied medicine at Newnham College, University of Cambridge UK where she graduated in 1992 with a first class honors degree in Natural Sciences. She won scholarship prizes from Cambridge University to continue clinical medicine at Cambridge Medical School. After completing her general ophthalmic surgical training she undertook two Ocular Oncology fellowships with Mr Hungerford at Moorfields and St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Miss Cohen was awarded the Pfizer Ophthalmic Fellowship to gain one year of international training in Ocular Oncology at the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, The MD Anderson Hospital, Texas and The Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital, New York, USA.

In 2007 she was appointed as Consultant Ocular Oncologist at Moorfields Eye Hospital and St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. Following Mr Hungerford's retirement in 2009 Miss Cohen took over as Director of the National Ocular Oncology Service at Moorfields and St Bartholomew's Hospital. She is Chair of the Ocular Oncology Multidisciplinary Team.

Within a few years of her appointment she established the sentinel node biopsy service for conjunctival tumours and cytogenetic testing for uveal melanoma. Victoria has been invited to give many keynote lectures at national and international meetings. She is widely published in the field of Ocular Oncology. Miss Cohen was instrumental in developing UK guidelines for Ocular Oncology. She co-authored the first National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) National Guidelines for the Management of Uveal Melanoma, published in The European Journal of Cancer 2015.

In 2009 she was Secretary for the Organizing Committee of ISOO held in Cambridge UK. In 2019 she will host the European Ocular Oncology Group meeting in the UK.

Miss Cohen is actively involved in teaching and training. She runs an International Fellowship program in Ocular Oncology, training individuals from all around the world. She is a longstanding member of the International Society of Ocular Oncology (ISOO), European Ocular Oncology Group (OOG), Guideline Development Group for Uveal Melanoma, Royal College of Ophthalmologists, Euretina and American Academy of Ophthalmologists (AAO).
DATES & LOCATION SET FOR ISOO 2019

The ISOO Program planning committee is thrilled to welcome you to LOS ANGELES for 2019! The dates for the event are **March 22-26, 2019**. Aside from collaboration and an exciting educational and practical update (and debate!) from world experts in ocular oncology, you will enjoy a seaside location as the meeting will be held at The Ritz Marina del Rey. Imagine sunshine and sea breezes as you converse with your peers. The ISOO planning committee has reserved a select block of rooms **all with ocean view and offered at $289 which is 50% of the normal rate**. Book quickly before the block runs out (link and website will be posted soon)! The Conference will be on site, so no hassle with LA highways and morning yoga sessions will be offered. We can’t wait to welcome you for a high-level educational meeting filled with controversy, debate, updates in the field and lots of Southern California charm.

The 2019 Program Committee
Jesse L. Berry, MD  
Dan Gombos, MD  
Prithvi Mruthyunjaya, MD  
Jonathan Kim, MD  
Victoria Dai, MD
Meetings

OOG
- Nice, from 27th-30th September
  - Please note that the abstract submission date has passed.

AAOOP
- American Association of Ophthalmic Oncologists and Pathologists
  - Meeting November 10, 2017, New Orleans

OOG
- Spring meeting 2018
  - March 15-19, Siena, Italy

WOC
  - ISOO Symposium: What is the best treatment for ocular surface malignancies?
  - Abstracts for presentations and courses can now be submitted through www.icoph.org/WOC2018

ARVO
- Champalimaud Educational Conference on Ocular Oncogenesis and Oncology
  - 18-21 July, 2018, at the Champalimaud Centre for the Unknown, Lisbon, Portugal.

ISOO
- Meeting 2019, March 22-26, Los Angeles, USA

ISOO
- Meeting 2021, June 18-22, Leiden, The Netherlands
In Sydney, the **Women in Ocular Oncology group** met. Please look for updates to [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1431530637089637/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1431530637089637/)

The TCGA paper in which many members were involved was published: **Integrative Analysis Identifies Four Molecular and Clinical Subsets in Uveal Melanoma**

[http://www.cell.com/cancer-cell/fulltext/S1535-6108(17)30295-7](http://www.cell.com/cancer-cell/fulltext/S1535-6108(17)30295-7)

Robertson et al. analyze 80 uveal melanomas (UM) and divide poor prognosis monosomy 3 UM into subsets with divergent genomic aberrations, transcriptional features, and clinical outcomes. Somatic copy number changes and DNA methylation profiles separate better-prognosis disomy 3 UM into low or intermediate risk.

T. Kivela: *The first description of the complete natural history of uveal melanoma by two Scottish surgeons, Allan Burns and James Wardrop::Acta Ophthalmologica 2017*


The Board thanks Sandra Dailey, ISOO secretary and support, for keeping the ISOO going forward.

We thank Rana’a Al Jamal for the photographs. Please contact him if you are interested in photos: ranaa@me.com

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