



**19<sup>th</sup> MCCR WORKSHOP**

# **METHODS IN CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH**

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# 1. WELCOME LETTER

*The Workshop on Methods in Clinical Cancer Research is an educational programme that introduces junior oncologists in any oncology subspecialty to the principles of good clinical trial design. Established 18 years ago to reverse the decline in the numbers of clinical scientists, the MCCR Workshop aims to cultivate a proficient and flourishing*

*research base to advance good quality cancer care by equipping future generations of clinical researchers with the essential skills and training to initiate and conduct better clinical and translational trial designs.*

*This well-recognised and CME accredited workshop is an event going into its 19<sup>th</sup> edition. It is jointly organised by ECCO (the European Cancer Organisation), AACR (the American Association for Cancer Research), EORTC (the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer) and ESMO (the European Society for Medical Oncology).*

*Since 1999, this annual workshop has been held in the last full week of June. The participants propose a clinical trial concept when applying to the MCCR Workshop, complete the writing of the protocol throughout the course of the Workshop, and then implement the protocol upon returning home.*

*Such an enterprise can only be fully successful if all important stakeholders take part. As such, Medical Societies are also invited to be part of this project and show involvement in an educational programme that will ultimately contribute to better research and improved public health worldwide.*

*This Prospectus outlines the grant support opportunities available.*

## 2. INTRODUCTION

### WHY DO WE NEED THIS WORKSHOP?

The presence of a strong research base is essential to the future of good quality cancer care. Clinical scientists who are able to set up and run high-quality clinical trials are vital to the advancement of new therapies. The ultimate goal is to develop a robust, expanding base of well-trained clinical researchers by providing them with the essential training to conduct better clinical and translational trial designs.

### KEY BENEFITS FOR ATTENDEES

- Exclusive access to and mentoring by up to 40 highly experienced clinical experts in the field of oncology from Europe and North America;
- Exceptional opportunity to meet and network with an elite group of up to 80 junior clinical oncologists from all over the world;
- Outstanding educational experience in a unique setting conducive to professional relationship building, learning and development;
- Access to a variety of educational tools designed to enable participants to develop their initial protocol proposal into a complete protocol;
- Active promotion of productive dialogues between young cancer specialists and the European and non-European Cancer Societies;
- Establishment of a network for educational exchanges between young cancer clinicians worldwide.

### WORKSHOP DIRECTORS



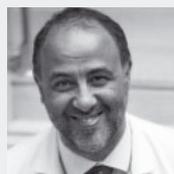
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Applications to the workshop can be submitted online [ecco-org.eu/workshop](https://ecco-org.eu/workshop)

### 3. EDUCATIONAL FORMAT

The Scientific Sessions have been specially structured to cater to all learning needs and will use one of the formats:

#### Protocol Development Group Sessions



These sessions form the core activity of this Workshop and allow students to complete the writing of their protocol by applying the knowledge acquired during the Workshop. Students will receive extensive feedback on their trial concepts from designated faculty within assigned groups comprising a maximum of ten students.

#### Lectures and Panel Discussions



Presentations by key experts on specific topics will provide participants with an overview of the design and conduct of high- quality clinical trials. This will be followed by a panel discussion or round table session during which Faculty and students can explore issues raised during the talks in greater depth.

#### Meet your Expert Sessions



One-to-one sessions where students will have access to experts providing individual counselling and advice on protocol and career development.

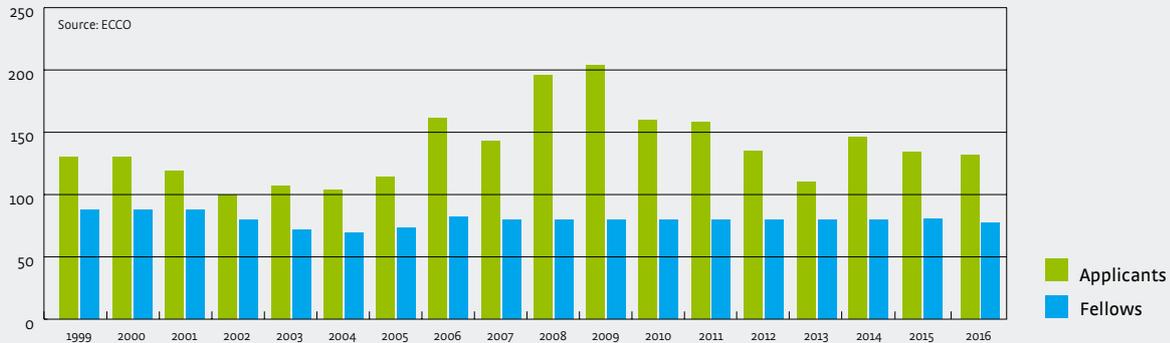
#### Small Group Discussion Sessions



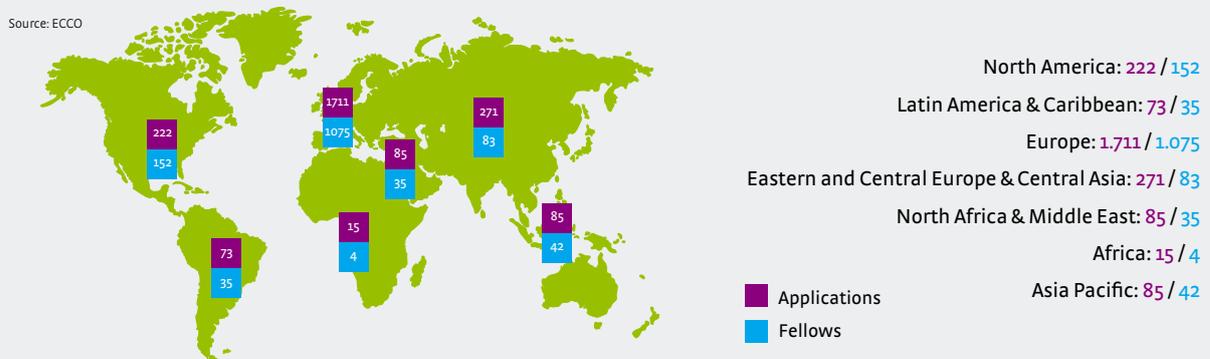
Sessions that focus on topics that are essential to the success of clinical trials and facilitating discussion on and around the difficulties and challenges of a particular type of trial. Attendance to these sessions is limited to maximise interaction and information exchange.

## 4. FACTS & FIGURES

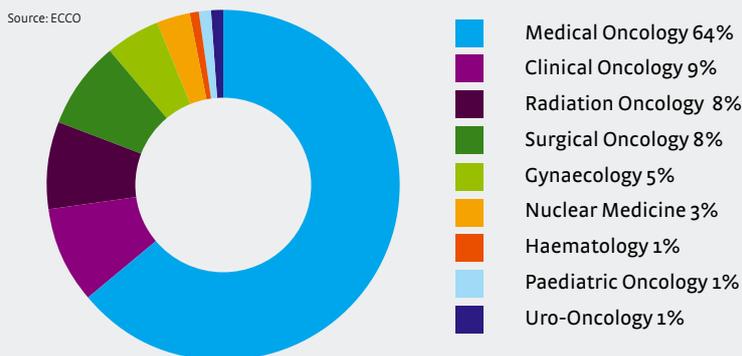
### Applicants versus the number of Students Accepted (1999-2016)



### Geographical Distribution of Applicants vs Accepted Fellows (1999-2016)



### Participants by Oncology Specialty 2016



Although the vast majority of workshop participants are specialised in medical oncology there has been a significant rise in other specialties such as, clinical, radiation and surgery oncology in recent years.

### Data from the Participant Survey\*

- 96% of respondents would recommend this Workshop to someone whose training is similar to theirs
- 96% of respondents had lots of opportunities to interact and network with the faculty
- 96% satisfaction rating for the overall interest and enthusiasm for the subject matter displayed by the faculty
- 95% satisfaction rating for the organisation of the course and scheduling of activities

\* Based on the feedback from 65 of the 78 Fellows who attended the MCCR Workshop (response rate = 83%)

Visit the [Workshop Impact Survey 2015](#) for the latest data on the impact of the Workshop on the career trajectory of alumni.

## 5. SOCIETY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### What is a Society Grant?

The Society Grant allows Fellows the opportunity to benefit from this high quality Workshop.

By providing a Society Grant, your Society will be contributing to the very specific aims of the MCCR Workshop which are:

- To train a group of young oncologists from any discipline of your choice in the principles of good clinical trial design giving them the tools needed to conduct those trials that will yield clear results and have the potential to impact on future research and clinical practice;
- To educate oncologists who are in training posts to the full spectrum of challenges in clinical research, from trials involving conventional antineoplastic agents, radiotherapy and multidisciplinary treatment regimens to gene therapy and targeted treatments, in the expectation that they will want to devote all or a portion of their future careers to some aspect of clinical research;
- To develop an expanding base of well-trained experienced researches whose expertise will foster better clinical trial designs and thereby hasten the introduction of improved regimens for cancer therapy and prevention into everyday medical practice and patient care.

The Society Grant provides direct support to the MCCR Workshop and is set at a minimum of 3 500 EUR.

### What are the Benefits to your Society?

#### ■ Acknowledgement

Supporting Society is acknowledged on the MCCR Workshop website, on the MCCR Workshop Intranet as well as during the Workshop's Introduction Session.

#### ■ Increased visibility

The MCCR Workshop and its supporters are promoted through:

- The MCCR partner websites;
- Leading industry and scientific journals;
- Oncology events;
- Brochures and announcements distributed to ECCO Member Societies comprising of over 60 000 professionals in oncology;
- Social media platforms;
- Onsite activities.

Subsequently your Society is recognised for supporting the training of future generations of oncology experts.

#### ■ Building networks

Opportunity to select a Workshop participant(s) from the final list of applicants, and in return gain testimonial(s) on the MCCR Workshop experience.

## 6. BOOKING FORM

### 2017 Society Grant booking form

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Invoicing data:

Organisation to be invoiced: \_\_\_\_\_

VAT number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**We would like to award \_\_\_\_\_ Society Grant(s) to the MCCR Workshop.<sup>1</sup>**

(1) This application is legally binding on the company pending its acceptance in writing by the Organiser.

#### Terms of Payment:

Invoices will be sent within two weeks following the confirmation. Payment is due within 30 days following the date of the invoice. Direct transfer payments should be made to the Workshop bank account: IBAN: BE76 7330 4182 3295, BIC/SWIFT: KREDBEBB, KBC Bank, Chaussée de Wavre 1662, 1160 Brussels, Belgium, stating the number of the invoice. Sender's bank charges are at the expense of the sponsor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please complete and return by post or e-mail:

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## 7. FELLOW TESTIMONIALS

**“The MCCR Workshop provides a unique opportunity to delve into the full development of clinical trials, from the first idea to the final protocol.”**

Nuria Mulet Margalef, Spain - Edition 18

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**“I strongly believe that by applying acquired knowledge to my protocol, the results can be very impactful.”**

Kamil Zalewski, Poland - Edition 18

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**“The faculty were all experts in their field and respected opinion leaders in clinical oncology research.”**

Bryan A. Chan, Canada - Edition 18

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**“The faculty members could not have been more approachable and inspiring.”**

Jennifer Brown, United Kingdom - Edition 18

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**“The MCCR Workshop is the best experience in the career of a young oncologist to learn how to write a well-conducted clinical trial, with fantastic networking.”**

Linda Mahjoubi, France - Edition 18

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**“Besides learning a comprehensive understanding of basics in conducting and planning clinical trials, I have met so many inspiring people!”**

Veronika Seebacher, Austria - Edition 17

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**“You realise that your initial proposal has evolved into a complete clinical trial protocol ready to be presented in the ethics committee.”**

Margarita Romeo Marín, Spain - Edition 16

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**“An extraordinary, exhausting but extremely rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience to meet top-ranking international clinical experts and learn clinical trial design “by doing” in a stimulating environment I strongly recommend to any fellow oncologist.”**

Pablo Berlanga, Spain - Edition 15



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