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20th MCCR WORKSHOP

METHODS IN CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH

Zeist, Netherlands

Society Grant Prospectus 2018

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1. INTRODUCTION

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 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.

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), this well-recognised and CME accredited Workshop will mark its 20th edition in 2018, ratifying the importance of collaboration to ensure good quality cancer care.

Since 1999, this annual workshop has been held in the penultimate week of June. The participants propose a clinical trial concept when applying to the MCCR Workshop, complete the writing of the protocol during 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 and mobilise young and promising scientists.

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

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Applications to the workshop can be submitted online ecco-org.eu/workshop

2. 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.

Meet your Expert Sessions

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

Small Group Discussion Sessions

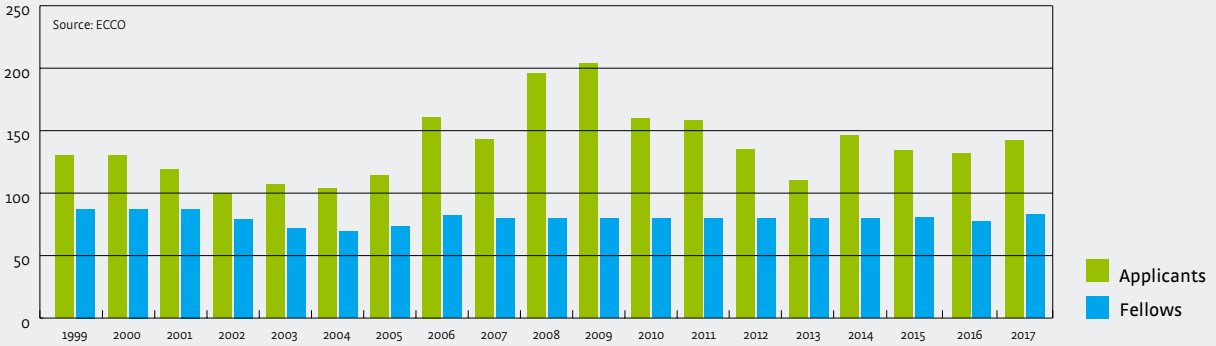
Sessions that focus on topics that are essential to the success of clinical trials and facilitating discussion on and around the difficulties and challenges of a particular type of trial. Attendance to these sessions is limited to maximise interaction and information exchange.

Lectures and Panel Discussions

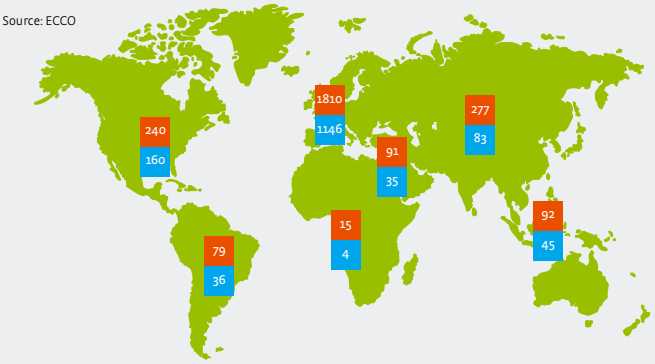
Presentations by key experts on specific topics will provide participants with an overview of the design and implementation of high-quality clinical trials. This will be followed by a panel discussion during which Faculty and students can explore issues raised during the talks in greater depth.

3. FACTS & FIGURES

Applicants versus the number of Students Accepted (1999-2017)



Geographical Distribution of Applicants vs Accepted Fellows (1999-2017)



North America: 240 / 160

Latin America & Caribbean: 79 / 36

Europe: 1.810 / 1.146

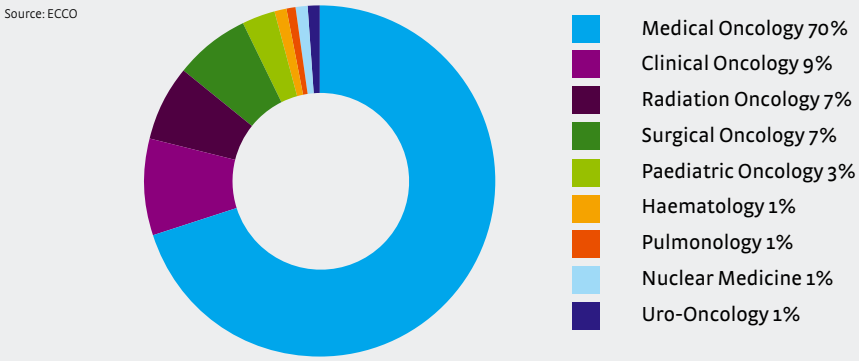
Eastern and Central Europe & Central Asia: 277 / 83

North Africa & Middle East: 91 / 35

Africa: 15 / 4

Asia Pacific: 92 / 45

Participants by Oncology Specialty 2017



Data from the Participant Survey*

100% of respondents would recommend this Workshop

99% of respondents had lots of opportunities to interact and network with the faculty

99% satisfaction rating for the overall interest and enthusiasm for the subject matter displayed by the faculty

98% satisfaction rating for the organisation of the course and scheduling of activities

* Based on the feedback from 77 of the 83 Fellows who attended the MCCR Workshop (response rate = 93%)

4. SOCIETY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

What is a Society Grant?

The Society Grant provides direct support to the MCCR Workshop and is set at a minimum of 3500 EUR excluding VAT.

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 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 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.

What are the Benefits to your Society?

- **Acknowledgement**

  Supporting Society is acknowledged on the MCCR Workshop website, on the MCCR Workshop portal as well as during the Workshop's Welcome 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 170 000 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 Society Grant Ambassador(s) from the final list of MCCR Workshop applicants, and in return gain testimonial(s) on the MCCR Workshop experience.

5. BOOKING FORM

MCCR Workshop 2018 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 support the MCCR Workshop with _____ Society Grant(s).[1]

[1]This application is legally binding on the company pending its acceptance in writing by the Organiser. One Society Grant is equivalent to 3500 EUR excluding VAT. When applicable, the total amount of the society grant is subject to 21% VAT.

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 e-mail or post to:

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6. FELLOW TESTIMONIALS

"The MCCR Workshop provides the necessary tools one needs to conduct clinical trials that yield clear results and have the potential to impact patient care."

Katarzyna Kozak, Poland - Edition 19

"Lecture sessions, interactive discussions, daily "meet your expert" sessions, constant networking with faculty members and other fellows contribute to your learning and asking the right questions to be addressed in your research protocol."

Claudia Cardone, Italy - Edition 19

"The MCCR Workshop provides an invaluable and rare opportunity to receive close guidance from world-class mentors and sage, experienced statisticians – all of whom were generous with their time and experience."

Aly-Khan Lalani, USA - Edition 19

"I now truly understand the basis of clinical trial protocol development and implementation. I arrived with an outline and went home with a protocol that is almost ready for regulatory review."

Lizza Hendriks, Netherlands - Edition 19

"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

"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

"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

"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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