

News

OEI Restructuring Working Group on Biobanks and Molecular Pathobiology

The activities of this OEI Working Group will - as indicated during the General Assembly - be restructured with a new policy plan and a new chairman. We are very happy to announce that Jorge Reis Filho is willing to accept this challenge. He will present his proposals in the coming months and start the activities of a new group at the latest by summer 2012.

Cooperation with the American Association of Cancer Institutes (AACI)

Professor Wim van Harten and Professor Guy Storme, in their capacity of President and Executive Secretary of the OEI have visited the AACI annual meeting in Washington in October 2011. In a meeting with the board and a presentation to their General Assembly by prof van Harten, the OEI activities and recent developments were presented. The conclusion of the meeting was that the AACI and the OEI will start exploring possibilities for cooperation, starting with the exchange of speakers on topics that are of interest to the partners' societies. Furthermore, the AACI has indicated to be willing to cooperate in order to start a project on gathering evidence on the added value of the concept of organisational Cancer Centres. The first speaker exchange will take place during the OEI annual meeting, in cooperation with the Oncology Forum in Berlin in May 2012 with a lecture of Dr Michelle M. Le Beau, PhD, vice-president of the AACI and director of Chicago University.

OEI policy matters; European Union and ECCO

The OEI is adopting a bottom up strategy to implement a structural approach that can offer the best outcomes to cancer patients all over Europe, where, still nowadays, there are many differences between and even within countries. So far equality between Europeans is still a challenge. The impact of the increasing cancer incidence, in general due to the demographic evolution and the living patterns, should be taken into consideration to avoid unnecessary treatments and to be cost effective. The approach of the OEI that consists in solving the problem is mainly related to its Accreditation Programme.

The OEI President and the Executive Secretary have established a contact with the European Commission, Direction General SANCO, in order to support political decisions of the EU that should introduce minimal care levels and make a common legislation, so that also the cross-border care can result in better care when necessary.

In a meeting with the Executive Board of ECCO a more structural cooperation and relationship between the OEI and ECCO was discussed. This could be achieved by having a formal position in the ECCO Policy Committee and by offering development assistance in EU countries that are facing difficulties. A proposal in that sense has been formally presented to the ECCO and we are waiting for future discussions on this topic.

Accreditation and Designation

In 2011 site visits have been organised in Manchester (The Christie), Amsterdam (NKI), Brussels (Institut Jules Bordet) and Helsinki (HUCH). For 2012 the Centres of Oslo (Rikshospitalet-Radiumhospitalet Medical Center), Paris (Institut Curie), Brussels (Free University Brussels), London (Kings Health Partners) and Vilnius (Institute of Oncology, Vilnius University) are taken into the accreditation planning.

Negotiations are being organised with the help of the Italian Association of Cancer Centres to have a joint OEI/Italian Accreditation Programme for Cancer Centres.

Recently it was agreed that the OEI will prepare a proposal for a combined pilot with a German Centre and the Oncocert in Germany. As the administrative burden of accreditation activities in German oncology is already quite heavy, it is to be decided how the additional value of an OEI accreditation, or the additional activities needed to obtain the OEI accreditation, can be realised.

In the EuroCan project we are developing a programme to designate excellence in translational research. OEI members will be involved in a survey on draft criteria and signed metrics later in 2012.

<http://www.oeci.eu/WGAccreditationRM.aspx>

Educational & Training activities

Overview of the incoming events.

**April 18th – April 20th 2012, Cluj Napoca, Romania
ESO-OEI Course on Cancer Molecular Pathobiology.**

This conference will look at the new and exciting field of cancer biology and treatment. New trends in personalized medicine open different overviews of pathology and molecular biology as linked for the patient benefit.

Chairs: I. Berindan Neagoe, RO - A. Irimie, RO - A. Lombart Bosch, ES - A. Paradiso, IT - P. Sloan, UK

<http://www.eso.net/events-2.html>

**April 26th - 28th 2012, Bari, Italy
ESO-OEI International Study Day On Cancer Survivorship, CME Course. State Of The Art Of Cancer Survivorship Research: Symptom Management, Psychosocial Care And Rehabilitation PURPOSES**

The main purposes of the ESO-OEI Study Day on Cancer Survivorship are:

- To outline the main issues concerning cancer survivorship, such as Ageing, Comorbidity, Symptoms, Psychosocial Health, Rehabilitation and Physical Activity;
- To deepen the state of the research in Europe and in the USA about the aforementioned issues;
- To compare European and American knowledge and practice in cancer survivorship;
- To create/improve a European study group on this research field.

Chairs: Vittorio Mattioli (NCC "Giovanni Paolo II", Bari, Italy) and Neil Aaronson (NKI-AVL, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

http://www.oeci.eu/Documents_ESO-OEI_International_Study_Day_Cancer_Survivorship_ESO-OEI_CME_course_2012.pdf

OEI The OEI launched an international collaboration on Total Marrow Irradiation and Total Lymphoid Irradiation in hemopoietic stem cell transplantation. After a first meeting held in Genoa with a restricted number of radiotherapists and experts in nuclear medicine, the decision to pursue a possible European-US project has been taken. The first meeting was kindly supported by the Italian Society of Cancer Radiotherapy "AIRO" and by the OEI. A second meeting took place in Brussels on February 15th at the UZ- VUB Brussel. The encounter defined the feasibility of a study involving haematologists and clinical oncologists.

Prof. Guy Storme from the UZ-VUB Brussel and Prof. Renzo Corvò from the Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria San Martino - IST of Genoa chair the project.

The OEI partnership with Sustaining Oncology Studies in Europe

Starting from January 2012, the OEI assigned the management of the Liaison Office and Coordinating Secretariat to the newborn non profit Association "Sustaining Oncology Studies in Europe". Chaired by Dr. Claudio Lombardo, the Association aims to promote the building of the European area for cancer education and research. For more information info@souseurope.eu

Events

**European Forum on Oncology 2012
Advances in Cancer Therapy**

3 - 4 May 2012

Hotel Concorde BERLIN

http://www.oeci.eu/Attachments/EF012_Berlin_flyer.pdf



**EUROPEAN ONCOLOGY FORUM 2012
OEI SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BERLIN,
3-5 MAY 2012**

OEI Accreditation / Designation Project



http://www.oeci.eu/Documents/OEI_ACCREDITATION.pdf

STATE OF THE START ONCOLOGY IN EUROPE OEI



http://www.oeci.eu/Documents/OEI_START_VOLUME1.pdf

OEI INTERACTIVE NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

http://www.oeci.eu/Documents/OEI_NUTRITIONAL.pdf

Annual meeting Berlin 2012

An agreement on the cooperation with the Oncology Forum for the organisation of the OEI Annual Meeting and General Assembly of the OEI in combination with the oncology forum in Berlin May 2012 has been reached. You will receive an invitation for this meeting separately. The Board considers this a promising event in which the scientific part will obtain more content and weight. Therefore we expect to achieve a better attendance for the General Assembly and other OEI activities. We look forward to seeing you in Berlin. If this pilot proves to be successful it will be extended in a further pilot in Brussels 2013. After that we will evaluate this promising cooperation.

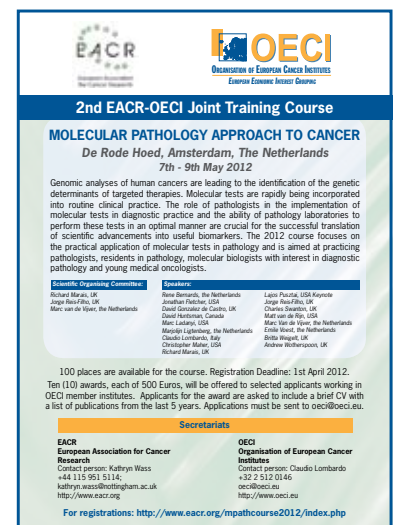
EACR-OEI partnership

2nd EACR-OEI Joint Training Course "Molecular Pathology approach to cancer"

May 7th - 9th 2012, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The course is aimed at practising pathologists, residents in pathology, molecular biologists with interest in diagnostic pathology and young medical oncologists, and will focus on the practical application of molecular tests in pathology.

http://www.oeci.eu/Attachments/2nd_OEI_EACR_course_2012.pdf



EACR - OEI Lecture: Cancer Systems Biology

Barcelona, July 7th - 10th 2012
Systems Approaches to Cancer and Other Diseases

Speaker: L. Hood (USA)

http://www.oeci.eu/Documents/OEI_Lecture_EACR22.pdf

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