



ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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PREFACE

W. Wick

The EANO year 2017

Every second year, there is a renewal of the board, which serves with the new president for a period of two years. This was correlated with a biennial EANO conference.

To further increase our service to the community and to adapt to the constantly growing body of scientific and clinical data emerging each year, we decided to move the conference to become an annual meeting. This means after Mannheim/Heidelberg in 2016 and the World Meeting hosted by EANO in Zurich this year, we will have EANO meetings in Stockholm in 2018, in Lyon in 2019 and in Glasgow in 2020. Although we might encounter some risk of competition with other conferences, it will increase our chances for greater diversity in the meetings, better focus on specific aspects and rapid adaption to an emerging scientific evolution or access to exciting new data. We feel that an annual meeting will help in developing EANO as the major multi-professional Neuro-Oncology platform in Europe. In order to strengthen this aspect, we have used the initiative of a few young Neuro-Oncologists to meet and greet to create a group, the EANO Youngsters ([Facebook](#)), which with full presidential support now not only gets an option to meet and discuss, but to be active in the board, active in the planning of the conference and part of a new format with the EANO Winter School that will be inaugurated in Spring 2018 in Athens ([EANO Winter School](#)).



Along these lines, the board has taken the opportunity to jointly develop the EANO/SNO Brain Tumor Club, a successor of the SNO Brain Tumor Club held on occasion of the AACR meetings. This new meeting will first take place as a side meeting to the EANO conference in Stockholm, on Oct 10 in the afternoon. What is a Brain Tumor Club? In our view, this would be the chance for all scientists to orally present their basic and translational research in a short format with lots of opportunity to discuss and interact with peers that are mainly lab-based and therefore do only in part represent the usual attendance of EANO. Abstracts will be selected from the submissions that opt to take part in the EANO/SNO Brain Tumor Club, attendance will be possible with or without joining the main meeting and the afternoon meeting will be completed by a social event including a plenary lecture by a renowned scientist. The sequence of this event will be biannual with the next chapter at the SNO meeting 2019.

Obviously, we will try to interact with all of you as intensely as possible during these meetings to check how we can further improve. To eliminate the subjective element we also will contact you with a (brief) survey in the first quarter of 2018 to understand, what your main topics are for EANO.

In return, we would like to ask all medical doctors a favour: currently, EANO has a low number of nurse/allied health professional members. This is contrary to the fact that the nurses' programme at our meetings is well attended and partly presented by nurses. In our view, nurses need the idealistic (and financial) support and vision that EANO is a truly multi-professional society, which wants to serve and represent the full spectrum of neuro-oncology.

In this context, EANO offers support by stipends/travel scholarships and awards for several individuals (including nurses) in different categories each year to facilitate participation and reward activity. Please see the website at www.eano.eu for the latest update.

In addition to the activity in the WFNOS, EANO is also active in enhancing international collaborations. SNO is not only the partner of the forthcoming Brain Tumor Club and a joint funding member of the WFNOS, but also the partner of the WFNOS magazine and Neuro Oncology Practice and the host of Neuro Oncology, where EANO actively serves at all levels. CSNO has evolved as a partner for a growing exchange programme. Chinese neuro-oncologists are joining EANO meetings and members of the board have been active at CSNO meetings. In the future, our vision is to more actively support countries outside of Europe that are without a neuro-oncology infrastructure. Here again, we may partner with SNO to focus the resources.

In 2018, there will be another renovation of the Scientific Committee and Board of EANO. Please make sure that you do not miss the advertisement on the website. Please follow us on Twitter ([@EANOassociation](#)) and use your National Neuro-Oncology Societies or one of the Board Members to raise your voice for neuro-oncology within EANO in the next year. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the several events with EANO activity next year.

REVIEW ON WFNOS 2017 MEETING

M. Weller

5th Quadrennial Meeting of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies

The fifth meeting of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies (WFNOS) was hosted by the European Association of Neuro-Oncology (EANO) and took place in Zurich, Switzerland from May 4-7, 2017. A total of 950 participants discussed novel findings, controversial topics and future directions in neuro-oncology. Similar to previous meetings, the conference started with an educational day jointly organized by EANO and the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC). While one of the tracks was devoted to important aspects of clinical neuro-oncology, the “basic science” track had a focus on preclinical developments.

The main programme lasted from Friday to Sunday and covered a variety of contemporary topics in preclinical and clinical neuro-oncology. The key topics of the WFNOS meetings were: (I) immuno-oncology, (II) brain and leptomeningeal metastasis, (III) gliomas, (IV) pediatric CNS tumors and (V) meningiomas. The programme contained Meet the Expert sessions with numerous renowned speakers from all over the world as well as plenary sessions that allowed for detailed presentations and discussions of the topics mentioned above. From a clinical perspective, a major part of the attendees was particularly interested in the disclosure and discussion of the results of the Checkmate 143 study, the first randomized trial exploring the activity of a PD-1 inhibitor in patients with recurrent glioblastoma.

The acting presidents of ASNO, EANO and SNO jointly reported on new developments in the WFNOS session. Three keynote lectures representing EANO, SNO and ASNO were among the highlights of the conference. Dr. Riccardo Soffietti (Turin, Italy) represented EANO and reported on concepts and challenges in clinical trials for patients with brain and leptomeningeal metastasis. The ASNO keynote lecture was given by Dr. Koichi Ichimura (Tokyo, Japan) who discussed the emerging role of TERT in the biology of gliomas. Dr. David Reardon (Boston, US), as representative of SNO, provided a detailed overview on current and future immunotherapeutic strategies in neuro-oncology.

More than 550 abstracts were submitted reflecting the strong interest of the neuro-oncological community in the conference. The highest ranking abstracts were chosen for oral presentations which again allowed for intense discussions.

A full-time track for nurses on Friday was organized by Ingela Oberg (Cambridge, UK). This part of the conference had a focus on the management of patients with brain metastases.

A Welcome Reception as well as the WFNOS Evening completed the conference and provided additional opportunities for personal and scientific exchange.

Our colleagues from ASNO will be in charge of organizing the 6th Quadrennial WFNOS meeting which will be held in Seoul, South Korea, from May 6-9, 2021. www.wfnos2021.org



EANO YOUNGSTERS INITIATIVE

A. Berghoff

The EANO Youngsters Initiative started officially in 2017 and aims to provide a platform for networking, interaction and collaboration between young scientists and clinicians with a special focus on neuro-oncology.

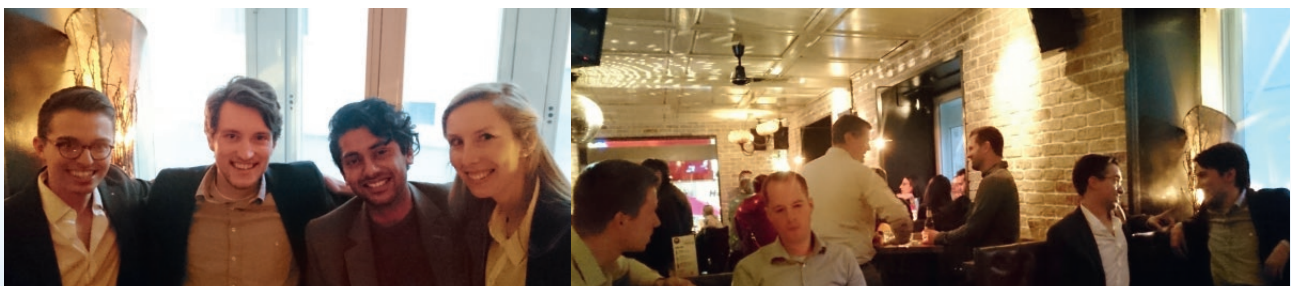
The current members are:

Anna Berghoff (Medical University Vienna, Austria)
 Carina Thomé (German Cancer Research Center, Heidelberg, Germany)
 Tobias Weiss (University Hospital Zurich, Switzerland)
 Aleksandar Stanimirović (Clinical Center Belgrade, Serbia),
 Alessia Pellerino (Neurology, University Turin, Italy)
 Amelie Darlix (Montpellier Cancer Institute, France)
 Asgeir Jakola (Sahlgrenska University Hospital, Gothenburg, Sweden)
 Helen Benghiat (University Hospitals Birmingham, United Kingdom)
 Anastasia Vernadou (Sismanoglio Hospital Athens, Greece)
 EANO Youngsters Mentor: Matthias Preusser (Medical University Vienna, Austria)

Activities of the EANO Youngsters Initiative in 2017



- 1) Constitution of the committee including the formulation of bylaws
- 2) Regular telephone conferences with the mentor to discuss and organize the activities
- 3) Organization of the EANO Youngsters Networking Events during EANO conferences (2016 in Mannheim; 2017 in Zurich) - report was provided for the EANO homepage
- 4) Foundation of an EANO Youngsters [Facebook](#) group to facilitate connections between youngsters
- 5) Articles on the initiative and mentoring for the WFNO magazine
- 6) Participation in the planning committee of the EANO winter school and summer school
- 7) Planning of an EANO Youngsters Track during the next EANO conference in Stockholm addressing topics of special interest of EANO youngsters



GUIDELINES

M. Weller

The generation of multidisciplinary guidelines for important topics in neuro-oncology remains a major area of activity of EANO. Following the publication of guidelines for primary CNS lymphoma in 2015 and for meningioma in 2016, because of the revision of the WHO classification in 2016, EANO felt the need to update the 2014 guideline on diffuse gliomas of adulthood. This update, which provides recommendations how to select treatment based on molecular marker profiles, was published in *Lancet Oncology* in 2017. Furthermore, EANO has released its first guidelines on ependymoma and palliative care. Also, EANO developed guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of brain metastasis from solid tumors and, as a pilot project of cooperation with the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), the first joint guidelines addressing diagnosis and treatment of leptomeningeal metastasis from solid tumors were prepared. The EANO Board firmly believes that multidisciplinary guidelines prepared by experts from various European countries representing all disciplines involved in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with CNS tumors are an important mission within the complex field of neuro-oncology across the European landscape.

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WFNOS MAGAZINE

The WFNOS Magazine currently is run by the two Managing Editors Roberta Ruda from Torino and Nicholas Butowski from San Francisco for EANO and SNO with their respective presidents as Editors.

The World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies (WFNOS) Magazine seeks to provide a central platform for the dissemination of neuro-oncology information to researchers and clinician scientists around the world. It is published three times per year as a free PDF download. The main scope is to present interactions, conferences and national as well as international activities.

In addition, there are articles from a broad spectrum of neuro-oncology topics. Currently, it is also developed to highlight and feature content of the two journals, *Neuro Oncology* and *Neuro Oncology Practice*, therefore building up a resource for quick updates on highlights in our field. The societies are grateful to Christine Marosi, who is leaving the job as European Managing Editor after a successful two year period.

For the next year, an increased awareness and download rate of this very useful magazine is the goal.

EANO MATTERS

Young Investigator Travel Scholarships

One of the goals of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology is to broaden the network of neuro-oncology and to support neuro-oncologists in their (inter-) national research projects.

Therefore EANO encourages the participation of its young members in the EANO 2018 Meeting as well as the presentation of their research work. The EANO Investigator Award facilitates young clinicians and investigators as well as allied medical professionals and nurses from all over the world to present an abstract during the EANO 2018 Meeting.

To make this happen EANO awards Travel Scholarships of EUR 1.000,-, as well as waiving the registration fee to the Educational Day and EANO 2018 Meeting, for outstanding research by young scientist members contributing to the EANO meeting.

- **Young Investigator Travel Scholarship** for Outstanding Science for EANO members
- **Young Investigator Travel Scholarship** for Outstanding Science for EANO allied medical professionals / nurse members
- **Young Investigator Travel Scholarship** for Outstanding Science for SNO members
- **New! Young Investigator Travel Scholarship** of Excellence

All young scientists submitting abstracts are encouraged to apply by ticking the corresponding box during abstract submission. The nominee must be first author on an abstract submitted, graduate student/resident/fellow within his/her first five years of his/her initial clinical or academic appointment (this does not apply to allied medical professionals/nurses). The evaluation will be carried out by the respective committees.

For the Young Investigator Travel Scholarship of Excellence, the selection is based on the latest released new results in research.

The Travel Scholarship winners will be contacted via email.

Application deadline is May 31, 2018.

Click [here](#) for abstract submission EANO 2018 Meeting

Young Investigator Travel Scholarships to attend the SNO Meeting

EANO wishes to support the participation of *young EANO members* at the international meeting of our partner society, Society for Neuro-oncology (SNO). This Travel Scholarship facilitates young EANO members, who have been selected based on high quality abstracts, to attend the SNO Meeting.

All young scientists submitting an abstract to the SNO meeting and who are active EANO members are encouraged to apply by ticking the corresponding box during abstract submission. The nominee must be first author on an abstract submitted, graduate student/resident/fellow within his/her first five years of his/her initial clinical or academic appointment.

EANO wishes also to support the participation of *EANO allied medical health professionals / nurse members* at the international meeting of our partner society, Society for Neuro-oncology (SNO). This Travel Scholarship facilitates EANO allied medical health professionals /nurse members attending the SNO Meeting.

Call for application will open in spring 2018!

Congratulation

Congratulations to the EANO/WFNOS Travel Grant receivers 2017:

Smolanka Andriy, Havryliv Taras, Pant Sidharth and Annasagara Srinivasa Uday Krishna!



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to the 13th Meeting of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology in Stockholm, Sweden!

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

It is a privilege to invite you all to the 13th EANO meeting, which will be held in Stockholm from 10 - 14 October, 2018.

Stockholm has excellent transport connections (a big international airport with direct flight connections to most major airports worldwide, a centre for train transport) and can easily be reached by car.

Stockholm, with the Karolinska Institute and the Nobel Prize, is dedicated to excellent basic, translational and clinical cancer research. Stockholm is an attractive capital that offers something for everyone: culture, nature, indulgence and an excellent infrastructure. Furthermore, the great transportation network in Sweden and to the whole Nordic area creates possibilities to taste an interesting and beautiful part of Europe.

We really hope that this meeting will be something to inspire future collaboration and research in the field of neuro-oncology.

Welcome to Stockholm and the EANO meeting 2018!

All the best, Roger Henriksson, President EANO 2018 Meeting

Welcome to EANO 2019

It is a privilege to invite you all to the 14th EANO meeting, which will be held in Lyon from 19 - 22 September, 2019.

Lyon is at the crossroads of Europe with a big international airport and direct flight connections to most major European airports, is only two hours from Paris by train, and is easily reached by car. Lyon is the second largest metropolitan area in France, ideally located, close to the Beaujolais and Vallée du Rhône vineyards and the Alps. A major part of the city centre has been listed by UNESCO as a world heritage site, which is not surprising as Lyon can still show the remains of 20 centuries of History. But above all, the city is very famous for its gastronomy: from its 14 starred restaurants to the typical and charming bistros called "Bouchons".

As for culture, Lyon celebrated the opening of its brand new Museum of Confluences in December 2014. The National Opera, one of the twenty most prestigious ballets in the world, and the Célestins Theatre offer an ambitious programme all year round. Furthermore, the city has museums that exist nowhere else in the world, such as the Lumière Institute on the invention of cinematography and the Fabric Museum tracing two thousand years of the history of textile and silk weaving. Lyon is vibrant all year round thanks to a number of events it hosts attracting millions of visitors every year. Lyon is truly the ideal place to experience the best of France!

Welcome to Lyon and the EANO meeting 2019!

All the best, Jérôme Honnorat, President EANO 2019 Meeting

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