

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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PREFACE

M. van den Bent

The EANO year 2018

Under the leadership of the past president Wolfgang Wick, EANO has been going through a number of important changes in the past two years. First, the website of EANO has been completely renewed, making it both more attractive and more informative. We hope it will serve the membership better. Then, important steps were taken to develop together with our US partner a new neuro-oncology journal.

In 2018 EANO had its annual meeting in Stockholm, well organised by Roger Henriksson and his team. It was a successful meeting, with a well-attended educational day that included an educational program for our nurse colleagues. Similarly, the young neuro-oncology events were a big success. Both the networking event and the 'Perspectives in Neuro-Oncology' session which was part of the main scientific program were well attended and highly appreciated. The EANO youngsters group under the leadership of Anna Berghoff and Carina Thomé is clearly flourishing, and provides a good opportunity for young neuro-oncologists to build a network and a career in neuro-oncology. We do expect that this group will raise the future leaders in the field of European neuro-oncology.

During the 2018 annual meeting for the first time the so-called EANO-SNO Brain Tumor Club was organized as a part of the EANO annual meeting. This event was until now organized during the AACR meeting. It provides young investigators with the opportunity to present their (early) work to a like-minded audience, allowing discussions and feedback. This meeting will be co-organized by SNO and EANO in the future and alternate between the annual EANO and SNO meeting.

This year EANO organised for the first time the Winter School, March 16-17 in Athens. The focus was on complications of primary and secondary brain tumors. The meeting was highly valued by both the attendants and the faculty. This educational program is co-developed by the youngsters group and will be continued in the future, a 2019 edition is in preparation.

For many years, members of EANO receive as part of their EANO membership benefits a subscription to Neuro-Oncology. EANO is a full partner with SNO in the more recently launched journal, Neuro-Oncology Practice. Because of the importance of these journals for EANO's field, our past president Wolfgang Wick has successfully negotiated with SNO a true partnership of EANO in Neuro-oncology. Also, a new cascade journal, Neuro-Oncology Advances, will be launched as another joint initiative of SNO and EANO. The first edition will be published in the summer of 2019. This will be an open access journal and will provide more space to publish top manuscripts on neuro-oncology.

EANO will actively pursue the further development of neuro-oncology, by partnering with national and international associations and with patient advocacy groups. The ultimate objective of the association is to improve the care and treatment of brain tumor patients. Several projects are in the development to achieve that, including scholarship programs with Chinese and US colleagues.

Last but not least, the development of European neuro-oncological guidelines is an ongoing effort for EANO. EANO has a guideline working group, chaired by another past EANO president, Michael Weller. In 2018 a guideline on ependymoma was added to the previous guidelines, which include guidelines on primary brain tumors, on palliative care and on meningioma's. This guideline was initiated by Roberta Rudà. EANO considers these guidelines as an important part of our mission to increase the level of care for brain tumor patients – the relevance of these guidelines is further underlined by the top-ranking journals in which they are published. It should not be misunderstood: being asked to participate in the development of any of these EANO guidelines should really be seen as an honour.

I thank my predecessor Wolfgang Wick for the many contributions he made to EANO over the past years, and I look forward to working with the new EANO board. There are many challenges ahead of us!



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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

M. Platten

Starting 2018 EANO has implemented a structurally independent Scientific Committee not only to foster the promotion of science within EANO but also increase the visibility of the science within the association and liaise with other national and international Scientific Organizations. The work of the Scientific Committee is expected to increase the attractiveness of EANO for both, basic and clinical scientists.

The specific tasks of the Scientific Committee will – amongst others - consist of

- building the Scientific Program of EANO Congresses (setting topics, selection of oral and poster presentations, invited lectures, workshops reviewing abstracts) and other EANO educational events (or EANO supported events run by other organizations), together with the Young EANO Committee and Executive Board Member(s) in charge of the congress
- providing input for the website and the WFNOS online Magazine (advices, review articles, news)
- supporting any other scientific matter of EANO needing specific expertise (reviewing of grants and fellowships applications, projects)

For the 2018-2020 term the EANO Scientific Committee will consist of: Michael Platten (Chair), Florian Willemijn Boele, Elizabeth Cohen-Jonathan Moyal, Jaime Gállego Pérez de Larraya, Oliver Hanemann, Christian Mawrin, Emilie Le Rhun, Federico Pessina, Stephan Pfister, Manuel Valiente, Salvador Villà i Freixa.

The Scientific Committee has already started its work for the EANO Congress in Lyon in 2019 and is looking forward to help promoting Science within EANO.

GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

M. Weller

The identification of areas of need for guidance and the preparation of recommendations for diagnosis and treatment of various brain tumor entities are among the major goals of EANO. In 2018, the first EANO guideline on ependymoma was published in Neuro-oncology. Ongoing guideline initiatives focus on schwannoma and on issues of consent in brain tumor patients. Given the increasing importance of guidelines as one of the main activities of EANO, an EANO guideline committee was newly founded in 2018. Among the tasks of this guideline committee are the evaluation of new proposals for guidelines, identification of areas where guidelines are needed, and the identification of guidelines that require an update. Furthermore, the guideline committee shall develop strategies how to cooperate with other societies in generating guidelines and consensus papers in the future.

EANO guidelines

www.eano.eu/publications/eano-guidelines/

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

R. Soffietti

The Education Committee has been established in 2018 with the aim of better pursuing one of the goals of EANO, i.e. to promote education among EANO members, and more in general within the European neuro-oncological community. The main objectives of EC are threefold:

- To participate into the organization and content of the Educational Day of annual EANO meetings (in cooperation with EORTC), and of other educational events.
- To improve the level of education and professional skills in neuro-oncology within Europe. In this regards a Curriculum of Clinical Neuro-Oncology within Europe is being created in order to develop in the future fellowships in neuro-oncology that ideally should have the same structure in the different European institutions and countries. The EANO Committee on National Societies and Groups of Neuro-Oncology will be involved in the discussion and implementation of the CV.
- To foster education in developing countries EANO is establishing relationships with the local groups of Neuro-oncology. Such an initiative is being pursued with the SubSaharian Society for Neuro-oncology (SNOSSA).

The EC is formed by the following persons:

R. Soffietti (Chair), Maria Angeles Vaz Salgado, Helen Bulbeck, Vera Lúcia Espírito Santo Barbosa and Stephen Price.

REVIEW EANO 2018 MEETING

R. Henriksson

Thank you for being with us in Stockholm and for attending EANO 2018 in Stockholm!

Dear friends and colleagues,

It was great to see all of you in Stockholm, and make the EANO 2018 meeting so nice, and fruitful in increasing our common knowledge in order to enhance our the care of patients that suffer from tumours in CNS.

The 13th EANO Conference with the Brain Tumor Club and the Educational Day included more than 900 participants from 59 countries and from all continents. The importance of the EANO meeting for our field was further substantiated by the high-quality science presented in 381 posters, and by 131 different speakers chaired by 75 different colleagues not only from virtually all countries in Europe but also from other continents. The scientific presentations showed up a large variety of important subjects in the field of neuro-oncology. It was also wonderful to see the improvement from the gender perspective with 50% of the participants from both sexes. Among the speakers and chairs, 40% were females from all ages. This diversity is really a good sign that EANO annual meetings has become a meeting for the whole of Europe and attracting colleagues from all continents. "The youngster initiative", resulting in an increased number of speakers and chairs at this meeting from the younger age group, is another example of the efforts of our society to increase the participation.

The Educational Day was separated in two main blocks, one more directed to biological and clinical perspective and one more focused on various aspects of supportive care. An international panel of distinguished speakers from different scientific areas presented high quality updates on basic, translational, clinical and supportive care perspective. Both blocks attracted a high number of attendees from all ages with various experiences, and the insightful presentations and discussions further increased the value of this important day. For more detail of the program click [here](#).

For the first time, we had an active participation of patients and proxies in both the organisation and as active participants in various sessions.

At the conference venue at Stockholm Waterfront in the center of Stockholm city, Monica from the Swedish team together with Magdalena from the EANO Office as well as Anja and Patricia from VMA congress team took care in a professional and nice way of all practical issues around the scientific and social events which latter included a networking events at the Town City Hall (sponsored generously by the Stockholm County and City) and the EANO evening. My sincere thanks and gratitude to you who has done all the backstage work!

We were happy when Sweden was given the responsibility for EANO 2018, and it has been a real pleasure to interact with a lot of wonderful people from different positions in the health care and research, representing the EANO Board, scientific committee, sponsors as well as with my colleagues in the national and Nordic groups for treatment of CNS tumours. Not to forget the most interesting and valuable involvement of patients and proxies in our work. We need to do more of this! Finally, even if we are in many ways of the same kind regardless of where we are from, we also need to put efforts in understanding that we are influenced by our own background and the cultural context we live in at our homes. There is room for improvement in our understanding. When will we have the first female as a president?

Many thanks for your contribution and have a really good time wherever you are.

Roger Henriksson, President EANO 2018 meeting

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WFNOS MAGAZINE

R. Rudà

The World Federation of Neuro-oncology Society (WFNOS) Magazine has been managed for the second year by the two Managing Editors, Roberta Rudà from Torino for EANO, and Nicholas Butowski from San Francisco for SNO, with their respective presidents as Editors. The Magazine is published as a free PDF download in order to provide a platform for a spread of neuro-oncology information among basic scientists and clinicians worldwide. The main scope is to report debates, meetings, reviews, outlines of new/ongoing trials, and national as well as international activities. Moreover, the Magazine highlights in every issue the hot contents of the two journals, Neuro-oncology and Neuro-oncology Practice. Recently, an additional effort has been done to increase the visibility of growing neuro-oncological Societies in Asia or to support the development of new Societies for Neuro-oncology in non-privileged areas of the World such as the Sub-Saharan Africa.

For the next year, the idea is to transfer the Magazine into the website, maintaining the same structure/topics and the same Editorial Board.

EANO YOUNGSTERS INITIATIVE

C. Thomé

The EANO Youngsters Initiative was started in 2017 in order to provide a platform for networking, interaction and collaboration between young clinicians and scientists involved in Neuro-oncology. Furthermore, educational activities such as congress sessions and meetings are organized to further strengthen knowledge and skills in multidisciplinary clinical Neuro-oncology and research methodology (basic, translational, clinical).

The current members are:

Anna Berghoff (Vienna, Austria) (Chair), Carina Thomé (Heidelberg, Germany), Tobias Weiss (Zurich, Switzerland), Aleksandar Stanimirović (Belgrade, Serbia), Alessia Pellerino (Turin, Italy), Amelie Darlix (Montpellier, France), Asgeir Jakola (Gothenburg, Sweden), Helen Benghiat (Birmingham, United Kingdom), Anastasia Vernadou (Athens, Greece), Marjolein Geurts (Utrecht, The Netherlands), EANO Youngsters Mentor: Matthias Preusser (Vienna, Austria)

Activities of the EANO Youngsters Initiative in 2018

- 1) Participation in the planning committee of the EANO 2018 Winter School in Athens, Greece, March 16-17
- 2) WFNOS article on „First EANO Winter School in Athens: Complications of Primary and Secondary Brain Tumors“ and IBTA magazine contribution
- 3) Organization and actively participation of Youngsters events during the 13th EANO conference in Stockholm, October 10-14, 2018
 - a. First official meeting of EANO youngsters committee
 - b. Youngsters Networking Event October 12th: meet – discuss – collaborate
 - c. Survey during Youngsters Networking event
 - d. Poster walks during the poster sessions
 - e. Poster evaluation
 - f. Actively participation of Youngsters during sessions: session chairs
 - g. EANO Youngsters Session – Perspectives in neuro-oncology
 - h. Poster presentation of EANO Youngsters Imaging and brain metastases survey
- 4) Election and delegation of one EANO Youngsters representative in the EANO Board to report and exchange of Youngsters activities during EANO Board meetings
- 5) Manuscript submission on „Perioperative imaging in patients treated with neurosurgical resection of brain metastases: a European Association of Neuro-oncology (EANO) Youngsters Survey“
- 6) EANO Youngsters Facebook Group with currently 160 members: postings on conferences, publications, scientific matters etc.
- 7) Regular telephone conferences with the mentor to discuss and organize the activities



EANO MATTERS

EANO Young Investigator Awards for EANO 2019

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.

We are proud to be able to offer 2019 several grant and award opportunities:

- Young Investigator Travel Scholarships for the EANO 2019 Meeting
- EANO Awards for the best orally presented clinical, pre-clinical and patient related abstracts.
- Young Investigator Travel Scholarships to attend the SNO Meeting

The call for application via the EANO Meeting abstract submission (SNO meeting abstract submission) will open beginning of 2019!
www.eano.eu/members/eano-youngsters/travel-scholarships-and-meeting-awards/

Young Investigator Travel Scholarships 2018

For the EANO 2018 Meeting, we supported nine EANO members with free registration for the meeting, as well as reimbursement for travel and accommodation up to max. EUR 1000,- Congratulation to the EANO Young Investigator Travel Scholarship receivers 2018: Montserrat Alemany, Abdurrahman Islim (YITS of Excellence), Mirco Friedrich, Ana Guerreiro Stückerlin, Montserrat Puigdelloses and Amir Zamanipoor Najafabadi (YITS), Florian Boele, Victor Kostov and Daniela Loetsch (YITS for allied health professionals).



EANO also welcomed a delegation of the Asian Society of Neuro-oncology during the EANO 2018, and was proud to support six young delegates with a travel scholarship Liu Baohui, Hai-ping Cai, Yin-sheng Chen, Peng Li, Jianing Wu and Li Yi

Awards EANO 2018 Meeting

Several abstracts were awarded at the EANO 2018 event because of the high content and excellent presentation. Congratulations to: Jacoline Bromberg, awarded for the best oral presentation clinical abstract; Farshad Nassiri awarded for the best, oral presentation pre-clinical abstract; Florian Boele, awarded for the best oral presentation nursing perspective, Philipp Lohmann presenting the best clinical poster, Mirco Friedrich, presenting the best pre-clinical poster and Kirsty Martin-McGill, presenting the best poster on nursing perspective.



Congratulation Young Investigator Travel Scholarships to attend the SNO annual meeting

As my work has been selected as best EANO abstract this year, I had the great opportunity of presenting my work and representing EANO at the SNO 2018 conference in New Orleans, LA. Apart from the incredible honour of speaking at the plenary session of the conference, I was able to follow great keynote lectures, meet with colleagues from around the world, establish new collaborations in Neuro-oncology and enjoy an evening full of music and Cajun cuisine at the conference gala dinner. In my opinion, the EANO-SNO reciprocal award proves the continued commitment of both EANO and SNO to the next generation of Neuro-Oncologists and transatlantic exchange and I am glad I was able to contribute to this idea in New Orleans this year.



M. Friedrich, MD/PhD candidate, Heidelberg University

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EANO Meeting 2019

Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends

We are delighted to invite you to attend the 14th EANO annual meeting, which will be held in Lyon from 19 - 22 September, 2019.

The 2019 EANO program will again offer a lot for all interested in the field of neuro-oncology. Whether you are a clinician, a scientist, a nurse specialized in neuro-oncology or new in the field, you will find presentations that increase your knowledge. Most valuable, the speakers will be from many countries, institutions and specialties with a wealth of information and experiences that will make the EANO 2019 a successful meeting.

Following an education day on the main topics in Neuro-oncology, the program will focus on brain tumors' biomarkers and treatment with discussions on the main clinical trials. Novel developments in immune-oncology and in neuro-oncology will be presented. A special focus will be on paraneoplastic neurological syndromes, a program developed together with the EAN. We expect that as usual, outstanding science will be presented in oral talks selected from the submitted abstracts with two evening poster sessions.

Lyon is at the crossroads of Europe with a big international airport with 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 and 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 program all year round. Furthermore, the city has unique museums that have no equal elsewhere 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

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