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Preface

Dear colleagues and friends of EANO,
with this report, we would like to inform you about EANO's activities over the past 12 months. In addition, we are grateful for your support, especially with the EANO conference in Mannheim. As a regular process we have started the term of a new board and continue our foci on our meetings, international collaborations and guidelines.

For the upcoming 2 years, main topics will be a strategic development of EANO with a vision for the next 10 years, implementing structures to attract young members, intensify collaboration with the EORTC and further develop our mission in neuro-oncology education.

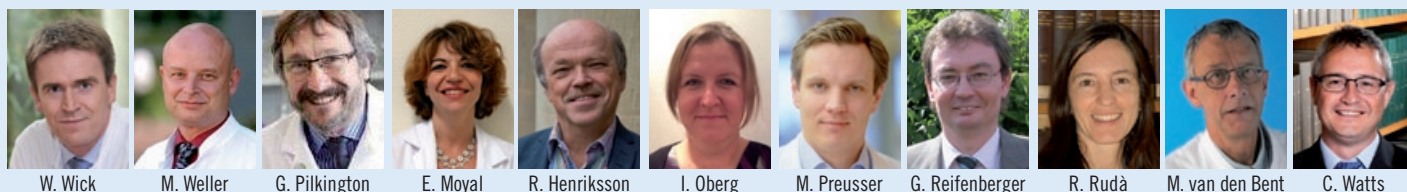
With kind regards and best wishes for 2017

Wolfgang Wick for the EANO Board



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Review on Heidelberg

Around 760 participants attended the 12th EANO Meeting in Mannheim. We had a truly international Educational Day attached to the scientific program of EANO and also a very attractive Educational Day and a scientific program for nurses.

At the conference venue Rosengarten in Mannheim, the team from Heidelberg, supported by the EANO and the NOA Board organized a 4-day-meeting. The meeting was initiated by a brilliant speech of the former Nobel Prize laureate Harald zur Hausen, who shared his view on the viral origin of some solid cancers. In the evening, already more than 300 people not only carefully listened to the update in viral oncology, but also enjoyed lively discussions afterwards.

Until this year, the Educational Day of EANO was organized by the local organizing committee, but 2016 marked a new development in the educational activities of EANO. In the past years, in their role as academic neuro-oncology

organizations EANO and the EORTC Brain Tumor Group held biennial educational meetings on neuro-oncology, usually organized in the eastern part of Europe. They were a heritage of educational meetings organized in the early 2000 years by Schering Plough, and this structure was taken over by academia - EORTC and EANO - in 2009. Organized alternating with the EANO scientific meeting these educational meetings continued to be very successful. Every program brought cutting edge developments presented by a top faculty to a larger neuro-oncology audience, and allowed easy interactions between audience and faculty. As another major stakeholder, ESMO joined the last two of these meetings.



With now annual EANO scientific meetings being planned, it became questionable whether these meetings should continue as stand-alone meetings, or whether they could be better embedded into the now annual EANO meeting. The EANO board and the EORTC BTG steering committee decided for the last option, and thus they co-organized this year's educational day of the EANO meeting. Thus, this year's educational program was different, in that it had a focus on both glioma and meningioma. Moreover, the same track was followed for both diseases: diseases overviews were provided of preclinical and clinical concepts, neuropathology and molecular testing, recent trials and current EANO guidelines. This systematic approach was well received by the audience, and in particular the focus on meningioma was well appreciated. Although usually a benign disorder, it is one with significant

morbidity and its management too often poses a challenge. The educational day closed with a session on bioinformatics in neuro-oncology, a field of increasing importance in this era of big data. With all these topics together, the educational day delivered a comprehensive and state of the art program.

Simultaneously, Ingela Oberg organized a scientifically and also practice oriented nursing educational day, which focused on low grade glioma and on (neuro)psychological aspects of brain tumors. Herewith, the true interdisciplinarity of EANO resulted in both excellent and extremely relevant presentations and discussions with the focus on the nurse's perspective. This event underscores that nurses are as much an integral part of EANO as they are for the everyday care of brain tumor patients.

Both the EORTC BTG and EANO look forward to continuing this collaboration.

Carina Thomé and Anna Berghoff from the Clinical Cooperation Unit Neurooncology at the DKFZ spearheaded the first Young EANO scientist get together (see below); an initiative, well suited to attract more scientists and especially younger people to EANO.

Highlights of the EANO educational program have been the first presentation of the TAVAREC- and EORTC 26101-phase II-data in an oral format. Likewise, the phase III-data of EORTC 26101 and CATNON were appreciated by the specialist audience. Additional highlights were invited lectures from ASNO, SNO and EANO. Those lectures are prestigious award from the respective societies and the speakers Koichi Ichimura, Mario Suva and Martin van den Bent gave visionary lectures in their field.

The EANO poster awards were given to Sina Burth from Heidelberg and Vincent Ho from Utrecht for their posters. Babar Vaqas from London received the VMA award for the best oral presentation.

The elections gave rise to a new board and Wolfgang Wick from Heidelberg, the congress president, was voted as new EANO president for the upcoming two years. The next EANO-related events are the WFNOS 2017 Meeting in Zürich, May 4 to 7, and the EANO 2018 in Stockholm. EANO will from now on present itself on an annual occasion instead of the biennial meetings in the past.

W. Wick, M. J. van den Bent



M. Suva

EANO Youngster Networking Event Meet – Discuss - Collaborate

The first EANO youngster networking event, on the occasion of the EANO 2016 Meeting was quite a success. More than 40 people from different countries and diverse specialties and disciplines took the chance to network in an informal surrounding. We had great interactions, discussion and maybe even some new collaboration got started. We had certainly a very good feedback for the initiative and we would be very happy to organize a similar event for Stockholm!

Greetings

Carina & Anna on behalf of the whole organization team



Report of the first ESO-EANO Masterclass September 15-17 Lugano, Switzerland

The Masterclass was a multidisciplinary clinically-oriented event where the program was presented by an international faculty of experts with focus on clinical aspects of patients with gliomas, radiobiology, pathology and molecular biology of gliomas from a radiation oncology perspective. The program consisted of plenary lectures on the state-of-the-art clinical evaluation and treatments with reference to clinical guidelines, as well as clinical sessions complemented by tumour board discussions supported by the chairs. Contouring sessions gave the participants the opportunity to experience challenging situations in the treatment of gliomas and to exchange ideas with the experts about the controversies in the management of difficult cases encountered in the daily radiotherapy practice.

The Masterclass was designed for radiation oncologists who are early in their career, and who are interested in neuro-oncology. The participants from all over Europe highly appreciated the layout of the meeting, giving the ability to improve the clinical oncology skills and possibility to practice case discussions as well as using modern radiotherapy equipment and planning systems. Over all the first ESO-EANO Masterclass was considered to be a great success.



Guidelines

Advancing its educational and scientific as well as political portfolio, EANO took the challenge to provide international interdisciplinary guidelines on the diagnosis and management of patients with glioblastoma. With the past president Michael Weller as lead author, a well recognized consensus statement was not only reached but also published in a high-rank oncology journal. In the past two years a guideline process was initiated / completed for several major topics in neuro-oncology, including meningioma, metastases, ependymoma, PET clinical, PET technical, primary CNS lymphoma, leptomeningeal disease, molecular diagnostics, supportive care. Most recently the cycle was restarted with a guideline for all glioma as the revision of the WHO classification and research as well as clinical trials mandate a common guideline and overcome the older borders between WHO grade II, III and IV gliomas. The major changes in this latter guideline are the inclusion of molecular markers into the definition of gliomas, and thereby the distinction between isocitrate dehydrogenase mutated and wildtype diffuse gliomas as well as integration of therapy recommendations from the major trials performed and released by the EORTC, NCIC and RTOG over the past years.

This guideline process is developing into a major cornerstone of the mission of EANO; it is planned to be continued and some day may lead to truly global guidelines if SNO and ASNO as well as the organizations responsible for guidelines in these parts of the world are willing to work together. International guidelines provide a unique power for the scientific

neuro-oncology community and may well be suited to influence not only daily clinical practice but also trials conception and reimbursement, e.g. for the currently necessary molecular testing.

W. Wick

EANO Guideline on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Malignant Glioma. Prof Michael Weller, MD, Prof Martin van den Bent, MD, Kirsten Hopkins, MD, Prof Jörg C Tonn, MD, Prof Roger Stupp, MD, Andrea Falini, MD, Elizabeth Cohen-Jonathan-Moyal, MD, PhD, Didier Frappaz, MD, Roger Henriksson, MD, Carmen Balana, MD, Prof Olivier Chinot, MD, Prof Zvi Ram, MD, Prof Guido Reifenberger, MD, Prof Riccardo Soffiatti, MD, Prof Wolfgang Wick, MD, for the European Association for Neuro-Oncology (EANO) Task Force on Malignant. GliomaLancet Oncol 2014;15:e395–403

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WFNOS Magazine

The WFNOS Magazine represents the evolution of the previous EANO Magazine following the establishment of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies. Thus far, the WFNOS Magazine is run by two Editors-in-Chief (i.e. the Presidents of EANO and SNO, respectively), a Managing Editor from EANO with an Associate Editor from SNO, and an International Editorial Board including the representatives of the different Societies that participate into the WFNOS. Three issues have been published in 2016 (with Christine Marosi from Vienna as the Managing Editor) and 3 issues will be published in 2017.

The usual format of an issue of the Magazine comprises 4-5 reviews on both translational and clinical topics, debates or interviews, reports from National Societies or international scientific societies, a nurse corner and a brain tumor patient advocacy. Reports from annual international meetings (such as ASCO, SNO and EANO) highlight novel data of clinical and scientific relevance. The Coordinators of ongoing clinical trials are often asked to discuss the study synopsis. The Editors of Neuro-Oncology and Neuro-Oncology Practice (the official scientific journals of SNO and EANO) are responsible for the sections “Hotspots in Neuro-Oncology” and “Hotspots in Neuro-Oncology Practice”, commenting the most interesting articles published in previous months. Last, each issue will contain a section on EANO news and SNO news to inform all the societies members on the ongoing activities (educational meetings, guidelines, travel grants, etc). The WFNOS Magazine in the future will contain advertisements from both public and private institutions involved in brain tumor management, and an increasing input from the different Asian Societies of Neuro-Oncology (in particular from ASNO) is welcomed and expected.



R. Rudà

EANO matters

Travel Grants and Awards 2017

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 several grant and award opportunities:

- Travel Grants for WFNOS Meeting
- Travel Grants for WFNOS Meetings for nurses
- Travel Awards for SNO/ASNO Meeting

EANO Travel Grant for EANO members of less developed countries

EANO encourages the participation of its young members in our meetings and presentation of their work. The EANO Travel Grant facilitates young clinicians and investigators from less developed countries to present an abstract during the WFNOS Meeting.

Call is open! See www.eano.eu

The Travel Grant includes:

- Free registration for the WFNOS 2017 Meeting
- Maximum of EUR 1,000.- for travel and accommodation costs will be refunded after the meeting
- Possibility to present the abstract during the WFNOS Meeting

EANO Travel Grant for EANO nurse members

EANO is happy to support the participation of neuro-oncology nurse members in our meetings. This grant allows active neuro-oncology nurses to attend the WFNOS Meeting, in order to present an abstract at the nursing day.

Call for application is open! See www.eano.eu

Travel Grant includes:

- Free registration for the WFNOS 2017 Meeting including the Nurse Day
- Maximum of EUR 1,000.- for travel and accommodation costs will be refunded after the meeting
- Possibility to present their abstract during the WFNOS Meeting

SNO / ASNO Travel Award of Excellence for EANO members

EANO wishes to support the participation of young EANO members at the international meetings of our partner societies, Society for Neuro-oncology (SNO) and Asian Society for Neuro-oncology (ASNO). This award facilitates young EANO members, who have been selected based on high quality abstracts, to attend the SNO or ASNO congresses. Next call for application beginning 2017.

Congratulation to the EANO Travel Grant receivers 2016 Biswas Ahitagni and Havryliv Taras. EANO also welcomed a delegation of the Asian Society of Neuro-Oncology during the EANO 2016, and was proud to support three young delegates with a travel grant! Congratulation as well to Bogdana Suchorska for receiving the SNO Travel Award of Excellence for EANO Members!



T. Havryliv

Call for EANO Workshop or Symposia apply for financial support/funding

The EANO Executive Board is inviting preliminary, conceptual ideas for short workshops or symposia on any area directly related to the practise of, or research into neuro-oncology. Funds of up to EUR 25.000,- are available for each workshop. Particular emphasis is placed upon career development for medical trainees, nurses, PhD students and early post-doctoral scientists. Host nations from European countries where hosting of major neuro-oncology congresses is precluded, due to a lack of available funding and/or lack of established neuro-oncology infrastructure, are particularly encouraged to apply. EANO will assist with provision of experts within the given area to actively contribute to each workshop. Initial outline proposals, of not more than 500 words should be submitted to the EANO secretariat office@eano.eu. Applicants will be noticed within three months of receipt of this short proposal as to the outcome of their application. Successful preliminary applicants will be required to complete a full application including details on scientific content, dates, location and cost plan to make a final selection.

Upcoming Events

Outlook WFNOS 2017

EANO invites all colleagues to attend the next Quadrennial Meeting of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies (WFNOS) which takes place in Zurich, Switzerland, May 4-7, 2017. Zurich is an attractive city that offers something for everyone: culture, nature, indulgence and an excellent infrastructure. Zurich is situated in the heart of Switzerland as a getaway to the Alps, as well in the very centre of Europe with direct flight connections to most major airports worldwide.

The 5th WFNOS meeting will be held under the auspices of EANO in cooperation with the Society of Neuro-Oncology (SNO) of the USA and the Asian Society of Neuro-Oncology (ASNO). The meeting will start with an International Education day on May 4 followed by the Scientific Program May 5 through 7. It will be chaired by Michael Weller, President of WFNOS, for EANO, and co-chaired by David Reardon for SNO and Ryo Nishikawa for ASNO.

The last two decades have witnessed major advances in the molecular understanding of brain tumor development and the development of novel therapeutic approaches across the full spectrum of brain tumor entities. WFNOS, represented by EANO, SNO, ASNO and many national neuro-oncology societies, is a multidisciplinary and multiprofessional federation aiming at promoting excellence in research as well as clinical care across the globe. WFNOS 2017 will cover all fields of neuro-oncology including genetics, biology and pathology, imaging, surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immuno-oncology, supportive/palliative care and quality of life. More than 1200 international experts are expected to join us in 2017 in Zurich.

More information on WFNOS 2017 can be found here: www.eano.eu/wfnos-2017-meeting/welcome/
Register NOW for the WFNOS 2017 Meeting and save up to EUR 300,- on registration fees!

M. Weller



Last but not least, many thanks to the sponsors of the EANO 2016 Meeting in Mannheim/Heidelberg

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