ESMO Educational and Scientific activities

ESMO Congress
The organization of educational activities is one of the main aims of any scientific society and a fundamental priority of ESMO. A highly effective way to disseminate the latest developments and state-of-art treatments is through the ESMO Congress, which, as one of the foremost multidisciplinary oncology events worldwide, attracts medical, radiation and surgical oncologists, basic researchers and professionals from related health specialties.

With the enormous progress in oncology today, a comprehensive annual Congress with a multidisciplinary program ensures that the ESMO offers its members and participants a wide variety of high-standard education and the latest scientific information covering all aspects of cancer on a timely basis. Whether delegates work in large cancer centers or in small practices, in clinics or laboratories, the ESMO Educational Committee and Congress Scientific Committee design a thorough and comprehensive oncology Congress relevant to daily professional needs.

Joint Symposia organized with other eminent medical societies emphasize ESMO’s commitment to international and interdisciplinary cooperation, and new and exciting research data submitted to ESMO is presented in abstract-related sessions, including ‘late-breaking’ studies with the most recent clinical trial data.

ESMO is particularly keen to facilitate the attendance of participants from developing countries* and to this extent has introduced a special offer combining a reduced Congress registration fee with a discounted membership rate.

In addition to the official ESMO Congress program, a concomitant trade exhibition gives participants the possibility to meet partners in the pharmaceutical industry. As part of ESMO’s drive to promote rapid development of new cancer treatment options, dedicated Industry Satellite symposia sessions during the Congress also enable these major partners to showcase their latest research data.

*At the time of going to print, developing countries are defined by ESMO according to latest World Bank statistics as countries with Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) per capita of less than $10,000 per annum.

Information is available online at www.worldbank.org

35th ESMO Congress: 8-12 October 2010, Milan, Italy
16th ECCO-36th ESMO Multidisciplinary Cancer Congress, 23-27 September 2011, Stockholm Sweden
37th ESMO Congress: 28 September–2 October 2012, Vienna, Austria

ESMO Symposia
ESMO organizes a series of high-standard scientific and educational events called ESMO Symposia. These small, highly specialized meetings ensure that selected topics can be discussed in considerable detail and participants can obtain the latest information on all aspects of a disease within a restricted time-frame. Since its conception, ESMO Symposia have addressed Prostate cancer, Sarcoma and GIST, Supportive care (2006), Chest tumors and Immunology (2007), Sarcoma and GIST (2008), Cancer and nutrition (2009).

Complementing the annual oncology Congress calendar, the ESMO Symposia ultimately benefit patients as specialists can meet colleagues, network and discuss treatment options with international experts working in the same field.

Any symposium topic which is repeated becomes a Conference. In 2010, the ESMO Conference on Sarcoma and GIST took place from 9 to 10 March in Milan, Italy.

2010 ESMO Symposia dates:
ESMO Symposium on cancer biology for clinicians: 26-27 November 2010, Nice, France

ESMO Meetings Program
ESMO Meetings promote high quality oncological education. ESMO organizes and collaborates with other societies through Partnership, Supported and Labeled Meetings and ensures that the quality of these courses is of the highest standard.

Partnership Meetings
Partnership Meetings are joint ventures between ESMO and specific societies and organizations that promote high quality oncological education. ESMO selects a member to sit on the Scientific Committee and Partnership Meetings are based on a contractual agreement between the parties.

Joint collaboration partnership Conferences are multidisciplinary events with other societies where ESMO is involved in the scientific content and the meeting organization.
**Supported Meetings**
Supported educational meetings are proposed, organized and financed by a local organizer. The Educational Committee evaluates that the program is of a high academic standard, and subsequently ESMO can grant support. ESMO support consists of covering the travel costs and honoraria for up to four speakers from the ESMO Faculty List. For Supported Meetings, applications need to be submitted to ESMO for budgeting purposes, by 1 May of the year preceding the event.

Once approved, ESMO, in addition to the financial support, grants the ESMO Label, ESMO-MORA accreditation points and free advertising of the event.

**Labeled Meetings**
Educational meetings organized by other associations or groups. After evaluation by the Educational Committee that the program is of a high academic standard, ESMO grants the ESMO Label, ESMO-MORA accreditation points and free advertising.