President's Message
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Welcome to the First MOS E-Newsletter!

We conceived this e-newsletter as a means to inform our members of the activities that the MOS committee is planning to do this year and also to update you of the activities we completed the last six months.

Last year's ASCOMOS in Ipoh was a resounding success and I would like to convey our sincerest appreciation to Dr Biswal and his committee for organizing it. Dr Mastura is the organizing chairperson for this year's ASCOMOS which will be held in KL Hilton from 2nd to 4th October 2020. Prof Fuad is the scientific chairperson.

Dr Matin organized our efforts to launch World Cancer Day on 4th February at KL Sentral. We hope this will be an annual event to bring the various NGOs, professional societies and MOH together to mark World Cancer Day.

Dr Tan Chih Kiang is leading a team to revamp the MOS website to make it more useful for our members. In addition, we are also updating our SOPs for educational/training grants for MOS life members, oncology trainees and a new grant to improve training and educational activities for allied health professionals involved in cancer care.

I would also like to introduce Ms. Mohana who was appointed as MOS's PR & Communications Officer in July 2019 and many thanks to Elaine who is our manager in charge of events, membership & finances. -
Conference Dates:
31st October 2019 (Pre-Congress Workshops)
1st till 3rd November 2019 (Main Congress Days)

Venue:
Ipoh Convention Centre, Perak Malaysia

For the very first time, the Malaysian Oncological Society, in collaboration with Clinical Research Malaysia (CRM), hosted the 31st Annual Scientific Congress of Malaysian Oncological Society (ASCOMOS 2019) in Ipoh, Perak from 31st October to 3rd November 2019. The congress was launched by the Deputy Minister of Health Malaysia, YB Dr. Lee Boon Chye at the Ipoh Convention Centre.

The theme of the congress, "Real World Practise of Oncology", was intended to focus on how oncologists in community oncology centres can implement the latest advances in cancer care in their local settings. The pre-congress workshops dealt with SPSS Statistical Methods in Cancer Research, Brachytherapy in Gynaecological Cancers, Medical Physics and Cancer Nursing.

The main congress days, from Friday to Sunday had tracks on breast, lung, gastrointestinal, gynaecological, prostate cancers and advanced radiotherapy. There were also sessions on cancer survivorship, onco-genomics, palliative care and de-escalating therapy in cancer. For the first time ever in ASCOMOS, CRM had a one day symposium on Saturday with sessions on genomics, biomarker research and drug discovery. In addition, the conference was also a platform for many participants from local institutions to present their research findings, clinical data and unique case reports. The best oral presentations and posters received awards during the closing ceremony on Sunday.

In total, there were 609 delegates, 123 speakers including VIPs and 110 exhibitors.

Last but not least, the Malaysian Oncological Society would sincerely like to extend our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to Professor Dr. Biswa Mohan Biswal (Organising Chairman) and the entire organizing team, speakers and sponsors for all their support and efforts in ensuring the success of ASCOMOS 2019.

For more photos of ASCOMOS 2019, please kindly visit MOS Official Facebook Page @malaysianoncologicalsociety
WORLD CANCER DAY
2020 LAUNCH And CANCER SURVIVOR & CARER’S CONFERENCE

Kuala Lumpur, 4th February 2020 - The Malaysian Oncological Society (MOS) in collaboration with the Ministry of Health Malaysia(MOH), National Cancer Society(NCSM), Pertubuhan Pembangunan Kendiri Wanita dan Gadis (WOMEN-girls), Hepatitis Free Malaysia(HFM) and other civil societies including Breast Cancer Welfare Association (BCWA), Majlis Majlis Kanser National (MAKNA), Breast Cancer Foundation, Kanwork, Lung Cancer Network Malaysia, NPC Society, Sarawak Society for Cancer Advocacy & Awareness(SCAN), Cancer Research Malaysia(CRM), Together Against Cancer(TAC) and War on Cancer(WonC) organized World Cancer Day (WCD) 2020 on the 4th February 2020 at the KL Sentral Space 1, Arrival Hall.

The event was launched at 10am by YB Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, Minister of Health Malaysia. According to the Organizing Chairperson, Dr. Matin Mellor, this launch was aimed to refocus efforts on cancer and raise public awareness of cancer. More importantly, the theme ‘I am and I will’ emphasizes the efforts that each one of us can do to battle cancer.

Additionally, the Cancer Survivor and Carer’s Conference 2020’ will be held at the Palace of the Golden Horses on the 14th and 15th March 2020. The main objectives are to identify and recognize challenges individuals face in their diagnosis, treatment and survivorship, to identify strategies that may improve the survivorship of those affected by cancer, identify gaps in our knowledge and understanding of issues surrounding cancer survivorship and communicate the above findings and make recommendations to the appropriate authorities. This event will be a platform for cancer survivors and carers to share their cancer journey with the hope to uplift and improve lives of others affected by cancer.

For more photos of WCD 2020 Launch, please kindly visit MOS Official Facebook Page @malaysianoncologicalsociety
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