



## ISOO FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER



### Welcome from the President

Dear Colleagues and friends,

It has been six months since we gathered together in Los Angeles for ISOO 2019. Thank you all for your wonderful contributions to the Congress and your participation during the sessions. I would like to extend my appreciation to the wonderful ISOO 2019 program committee, which included Dan Gombos, Prithvi Mruthyunjaya, Vicktoria Dai, Jonathan Kim and Jesse Berry. Their hard work and commitment led to the delivery of a highly successful and world-class meeting.

Special thanks to Dr. Jesse Berry, Conference President; as they say in America, “You nailed it”. This is not just my opinion but also the feedback received from the Survey Monkey post-conference evaluation. The feedback was very positive – people loved the venue, e-poster platform and talks – everyone just wanted more time. For the first time, delegates were able to vote for the best talk and best poster, this proved to be a very popular feature. The Audio-visual team and catering received special kudos but people wanted more coffee! Feedback from our biennial Conference is extremely useful for the planning of future conferences. With the proceeds of the 2017 meeting we were able to offer travelling scholarships for first time international attendees. We continue to have a surplus after the successful 2019 meeting and intend to continue these efforts in future Congresses. Professor Martine Jager will take over the chalice for the next ISOO Congress in Leiden, The Netherlands, 18-22 June 2021 so please enter this date into your calendars now and ensure that your membership status is up to date.

I am very proud to introduce the new Board as voted by you in the Business Meeting. I feel privileged to work with these gifted individuals who have already made great contributions to ISOO during the last Congress and therefore have good insight into the running of the society and their future roles. The Executive Board details have been updated on the website and can be found at

<http://www.isoo.org/leadership>

Tero Kivela remains chairman of the Bylaws for our society. The new positions are as follows:

Vice President: Dan Gombos

Honorary Secretary: Jesse Berry

Program Secretary: Vicktoria Dai

Treasurer: Jens Kiilgaard

## Initiatives for our society.

### **Ethics and Professionalism**

I discussed initiatives at the closing ceremony of ISOO 2019. These include, but are not limited to, the development of a code of ethics for our society, providing a foundation for ethical concerns as they arise. This involves sharing of data for research, interaction with industry, as well as protection for our patients and members. I have assigned Dr Katherine Paton to the new role of 'Advisor to the Executive'. She will kindly provide specialist advice and recommendations to the board.

The initial step in this process is already complete. It involved compliance with European GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). Following the Congress in LA all members were asked if they wanted to "opt out" of receiving communication from ISOO. This permits ISOO to keep contact details/email addresses and communicate with its members so that it is GDPR compliant.

This summer 'Terms of usage' for the ISOO website have been written by the ISOO attorney to define how the website should be used by its members. The "Terms of Usage" are accessible via the website under the subheading 'Update Profile'.

### **Communication**

I promised all members better communication by reinstating the regular biannual 'Newsletter' to be sent via email to all members – here it is! Please therefore ensure that we have your correct email address, which can be amended in the 'Update Profile' section of the website. All newsletters will have a section for **Clinical updates and Collaborative studies**, which will allow members wider exposure for their research projects. Please use the contact ISOO email address to inform ISOO of any projects which you would like included in this section of the next newsletter. Please also let me know if you have some important news to share, it would be nice to make the newsletter as communal as possible. The next newsletter will be sent out in March 2020 and the deadline for submissions will mid February.

### **Website development**

I am extremely grateful for the work that has gone into this over the past decade. Many past executive board members have made enormous contributions building a website for ISOO. However, technology moves at such a pace that it is easy to rapidly fall behind. Starting from basics, the mobile connectivity and functioning of the website now needs to be improved. This is something we will work on over the next 2 years, drawing insights from other parallel International Ophthalmic Societies. Thankfully, we have good support from the experienced company providing our website. This is a big project so please bear with me.

*Victoria Cohen*  
*President, ISOO*



## SUMMARY OF ISOO CONGRESS 2019



The ISOO 2019 Congress in Los Angeles was a great success! We hosted 370 delegates from 43 countries for the 4-day event at the Ritz Marina del Rey. Due to the huge success of the Australia meeting, the ISOO was able to sponsor 22 travel grants to the congress. The delegates awarded a grant were all from nations with developing economies who were first time attendees to ISOO.

The meeting included an ocular pathology course co-sponsored by the AAOOP attended by 128 delegates and an afternoon kick off session focused on Collaborations in ocular oncology. 175 oral papers were presented (76 melanoma, 18 other intraocular, 42 retinoblastoma, 39 conjunctiva/orbit) and 157 e-posters.

There were 4 symposia led by a panel of experts:

Update on Immunotherapy for Cancer and Uveal Melanoma

Local Management and Survival Outcomes in Intraocular Lymphoma

IAC and Intravitreal Regimens and What We've Learned from the COG & European Trials

Local Management of Advanced, High Risk Conjunctival Tumors

Invited lecturers include Tim Sullivan, Brenda Gallie giving the Linn Murphree lecture, and John Hungerford delighted the conference with a history of Stallard and his legacy during the Stallard lecture.



We elected 4 honorary members to the society with a majority vote of the members: Brenda Gallie, A. Linn Murphree, Jerry Shields & Brad Straatsma.

Women in Ocular Oncology met for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive meeting and the largest attendance yet with 141 self-designated WOOs.

We also had a first-ever breakfast didactic symposia for our YOOs, Young Ocular Oncologists; 130. YOOs registered to attend and the breakfasts were booked to capacity each morning. Pictures are available online [www.isoo2019.com](http://www.isoo2019.com) and on Instagram @isoo2019.

One week after the LA congress Daphne Linn Comas was born. “Grandpa” A. Linn Murphree has loved sharing oncology lore with the little future ISOO member!

*Jesse Berry, Conference President for ISOO 2019  
Honorary Secretary ISOO*



## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATES from ISOO Membership Committee**



**Catch up with Maria Manquez Hatta in Santiago Chile April 2019.**

Dear Members,

Membership season is open now.

For those colleagues who applied as **members in training** in previous years and are now fully trained Ocular Oncologists, we would appreciate if you could update your status. This should be done through ISOO website, applying as Active / Ordinary member.  
An Active / Ordinary member can:

- Participate in all meetings
- Vote
- Serve as officer if elected
- Serve in any capacity in Society
- Will receive newsletters, bulletins, and reminders

Members in training should also register their membership to be eligible for grants at the next ISOO Congress.

This will be very helpful for the 2021 meeting and prevent any issues with abstract submission. Thanks in advance!

*Maria Manquez Hatta  
Membership Committee Chair ISOO*



## IMPORTANT ISOO CONGRESS DATES & UPDATES



**LEIDEN, THE NETHERLANDS, 2021, June 18-22**

<http://www.isoo2021.com/>

This summer, the canals of Leiden were filled with boats with enthusiastic people enjoying a drink and looking at our new park, which cycles the city as a green oasis. Leiden has a medieval city center, where Rembrandt grew up, and many sites from that time such as the bridge where Rembrandt walked to go to his father's windmill can still be visited.

We plan to have a modern congress from June 18 to 22, 2021, with an education course and collaboration plans on the first day, followed by the congress, and social activities that will introduce you, our guest, to the beauty of Leiden. And if you want to play the traditional tourist, Amsterdam is nearby.

Also on behalf of Vice Presidents Annette Moll and Emine Kiliç, and the local organising committee, I invite you to come and enjoy!

*Martine J. Jager*  
*President of the 2021 Congress*

## CLINICAL UPDATES AND COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

Please take part in the anonymous online survey run by medical oncology at the Institut Curie, Paris, France exploring how prognosis is communicated to uveal melanoma patients. The survey only takes a minute to complete and all responses will be treated confidentially. The results will provide an interesting worldwide overview of current practice in this area. Please find the online link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd17OcQ0vBRBNWfFbriK\\_bNGxYxaOIQTRUgk69R\\_TE2CXHaA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd17OcQ0vBRBNWfFbriK_bNGxYxaOIQTRUgk69R_TE2CXHaA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The VHL Alliance are in the process of finalising their screening recommendations for Von Hippel Lindau disease. The ophthalmic section of the guidelines have been formulated by American Ocular Oncologists and retinal specialists. The guidelines were presented at the retina society meeting this month in London and will be presented to the macula society, AAOOP and the AAO this year. Please watch this space for publication details.

## OCULAR ONCOLOGY ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OPHTHALMIC ONCOLOGISTS AND PATHOLOGISTS  
(AAOOP) ANNUAL MEETING 2019

OCTOBER 11, 2019

Call for papers closes: Monday August 5, 2019

[http://aao-wihgh.formstack.com/forms/2019\\_call\\_for\\_papers](http://aao-wihgh.formstack.com/forms/2019_call_for_papers)

22<sup>nd</sup> EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR VISION – OPHTHALMIC ONCOLOGY GROUP MEETING.  
NICE, FRANCE  
OCTOBER 17-18, 2019

Please be advised that for those members only attending OOG sessions that there is no separate registration fee for the meeting, however paid membership fee of EVER is required.  
(<http://www.ever2019.org/node/6>)

THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OCULAR ONCOLOGY DAY. SIENA, ITALY  
DECEMBER 6-7, 2019  
Hosted by ISOO member: Doris Hadjistilianou  
<https://www.cmocongressi.it/ocular-oncology-day-2019/>

THE 56<sup>th</sup> OPHTHALMIC ONCOLOGY GROUP SPRING MEETING. TEL AVIV, ISRAEL  
MARCH 18-21, 2020  
Hosted by ISOO member: Vicktoria Dai

WORLD OPHTHALMOLOGY CONGRESS 2020. CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA  
ISOO, AAOOP and OOG will be running Ocular Oncology Symposia at this Congress.  
Discounted rates for ISOO/AAOOP/OOG members receive a discounted rate  
<http://woc2020.icoph.org/>

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Dr Carol Shields received the J. Donald M. Gass Award at the Retina Society meeting in London. J. Donald Gass Award Lecture 2019 at the Retina Society, London UK for her talk entitled '*Understanding Uveal Melanoma and Unlocking the Immune System*'

Dr Jerry A. Shields, MD received the Howe Medal from American Ophthalmological Society, May 2019. A Distinguished award honor for "Achievements in Ophthalmology"

Dr. Jerry Shields will also receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from Global Retina at AAO 2019.

Finally, in honor of his many contributions to the field of Ocular Oncology, Dr Jerry Shields was awarded an ISOO named lecture this year, "The Jerry Shields Lecture". This named lecture will be a formal part of our ISOO congress going forward. A solution is being sought that will allow donation via the website toward a lecture fund by those who wish so to do. Stay tuned: more information from our Executive Administrator when available.

Kudos!

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