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## Message from President



Dear Members

A very Happy New Year to all of you and a Happy Chinese New Year to all of you who celebrate!

2015 was a very exciting year for SSO with many firsts! For the first time, we organised our **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in conjunction with Best of ASCO '15**. We had over 20 abstracts submitted and over 300 participants attending the event which was held at Suntec City from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August. It was well received by all participants, thanks to the sterling cast of internationally renowned faculty who spoke at this event.

Another significant milestone in our society's history has been the formation of the **"Breast Cancer Group (BCG)"** under the auspices of SSO. The inaugural meeting of the newly formed BCG was held on 23 October 2015, chaired by Dr Tan Yah Yuen in conjunction with the SSO Speaker's Night at Crystal Jade Palace at Ngee Ann City. The turnout was good and we hope to see this group develop further with more events in time to come.

Another major development was the organization of the **1<sup>st</sup> SSO- NCCS Geriatric Oncology Workshop Series** for family medicine specialists on the 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct 2015 at NCCS Auditorium. SSO had applied and was successful in receiving funding from MSD Philanthropy INOC grant to run this event. Much credit should also go to NCCS Department of Cancer Education for their wonderful support as well. The workshop was very well attended with over 80 participants who had provided encouraging feedback.

We will be extending this workshop to allied health professionals and nurses in the coming year as well. The details of this event was recently published in the "College Mirror" December issue.

Finally, apart from the many educational events / talks that SSO had supported throughout the year, we were also the host society to the **1<sup>st</sup> ESMO Asia 2015**. This was probably the biggest oncology conference in the country in 2015 with over 2900 participants from over 80 different countries. This event had enhanced SSO/ Singapore's standing in the Asian oncology circles and cemented our close partnership with ESMO. I am happy to announce that ESMO Asia will be held in Singapore in 2016 and 2017 as well, with some ongoing discussions on setting up a regional ESMO office in collaboration with SSO in Singapore in the very near future.

It has truly been a pleasure to lead this society for the past year. All this would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of all the committee members I have had the privilege to work with over the year. I would also like to thank the members who have not only participated in our many activities but also given us many ideas on how to improve the society. Your feedback and suggestions are valuable to us, so please keep them coming.

Thank you!

Warm regards,  
Ravindran Kaneshvaran  
President SSO 2015-2016

## Upcoming Events

### SSO AGM

Date : 29 Feb 2016, Monday  
Time : 6:30 pm  
Venue : Copthorne Kings Hotel  
Peranakan Buffet Dinner included



### Best of ASCO 2016 & 2<sup>nd</sup> SSO Annual Scientific Meeting

Date : 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
Venue : One Farrer Hotel, Singapore

Call for abstracts open from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Please visit conference website for more information at [www.bascoasia.com](http://www.bascoasia.com)

### Lancet Oncology for the 8<sup>th</sup> Asian Oncology Summit

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016, Tues – Sun  
Kyoto, Japan

### 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Asian Clinical Oncology Society

8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Apr 2016  
New Dehli, India

### IASLC Asia Pacific Lung Cancer Conference (APLCC 2016)

13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
Chiang Mai, Thailand

### **34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

1 April 2015, Wed  
Cophorne King's Hotel Singapore

### **BASCO 2015 – 1<sup>st</sup> SSO Annual Scientific Meeting**

31 July – 1 August 2015, Sat – Sun  
Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore

### **Breast Cancer Group (BCG) Speaker's Night**

23 October 2015, Fri  
Crystal Jade Restaurant, Ngee Ann City, Singapore

### **San Antonio Breast Cancer Dinner Symposium 2014**

26 January 2015, Mon  
Sheraton Towers Singapore  
Supported by: Eisai Co., Ltd

### **Practical Challenges in Bone Metastases Treatment in Solid Tumors**

4 May 2015, Mon  
St Regis Hotel Singapore  
Organized by: GlaxoSmithKline (Singapore)

### **Radiology Asia 2015**

14 – 16 May 2015  
Max Atria @ Singapore EXPO  
Organized by: Singapore Radiological Society

### **2<sup>nd</sup> NCIS Annual Research Meeting (NCAM) 2015 – Harnessing Immunotherapy in Cancers**

3 July 2015, Fri  
National University Health System, Singapore  
Organized by: National University Cancer Institute, Singapore

### **Hodgkin's Lymphoma Seminar**

1 August 2015, Sat  
Shangri-La Hotel Singapore

### **3rd Singapore Sarcoma Symposium Consortium Education & Research Meeting**

Date: 12 – 13 September 2015  
Venue: Academia, Singapore General Hospital Campus, Singapore

# Looking back...

## Events in 2015

### **MBS Chemotherapy Update Dinner Symposium**

16 September 2015, Wed  
Sheraton Towers Singapore  
Supported by: Eisai Co. Ltd

### **MSD SG Keytruda Launch Symposium**

16 December 2015, Wed  
The South Beach Hotel, Singapore

### **Immuno-Oncology: Investigation of Latest Trends on Cancer Immunotherapy**

18 December 2015, Fri  
Swissotel Hotels & Resorts, Singapore  
Organised by: Elsevier Taiwan LLC

### **ESMO Asia 2015**

18 – 21 December 2015, Fri – Mon  
Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre

### **ESMO South-East Asia Summit 2015 – Highlights of ESMO 2014 Congress 'Precision Medicine in Cancer Care'**

23 – 25 January 2015, Fri – Sun  
Bayview Hotel Batu Ferringhi, Penang, Malaysia

### **Asian Oncology Summit 2015 – 11th Annual Conference of the Organisation for Oncology and Translational Research (OOTR), Viral Hepatitis 2015**

10 – 12 April 2015, Fri – Sun  
Shanghai International Convention Centre, Shanghai, China

## BASCO 2015 & 1st SSO Annual Scientific Meeting

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The Best of ASCO 2015 & 1st SSO Annual Scientific Meeting was held from the 31<sup>st</sup> July – 01<sup>st</sup> August 2015 at the Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore.

The Best of ASCO is an educational initiative through which the American Society of Clinical Oncology®, partners with the international oncology societies to present highlights from the American Society of Clinical Oncology® Annual Meeting.

We are pleased to introduce a new scientific component in the form of the “1st SSO Annual Scientific Meeting” which was conceptualized by our current SSO President. The combined Best of ASCO

2015 & 1<sup>st</sup> SSO Scientific Meeting encapsulated the exciting developments and current challenges in oncology.

The plenary session, entitled “A brief History of Oncology. The Singapore Story”, re-visited the history of oncology in Singapore and the challenges faces by pioneering healthcare professionals involved in cancer care.

This year's program included the presentation of several groundbreaking and practice-changing ASCO abstracts from the various tumor types.



In addition, several dedicated symposiums were organized, during which prominent local and international faculty shared their clinical and research experience in selected major tumor types and provided opportunities for interactive discussions from the Asian perspective.





# ESMO ASIA 2015

SPOTLIGHT

**Singapore - 18 Dec - 21 Dec 2015**  
**Suntec Convention Centre**

The ESMO Asia Congress comprised both scientific and educational tracks prepared by an international scientific committee. There was a strong emphasis on state of the art science, including a call for abstracts, and the current standard of care across all major tumor types.

President Tony Tan Keng Yam was the Guest of Honor at the inaugural European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Asia 2015 Opening Ceremony on 18 December 2015 .

Interactive sessions were dedicated to the latest ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines and there were be opportunities for delegates to interact with international experts from the region and the wider oncology community. The Asian edition of ESMO's annual congress aims to bridge the gap between researchers, clinicians and patients across disciplines to find more effective cancer treatment solutions available today.

The second ESMO Asia will take place in Singapore 16-19 December 2016. Mark your calendars for the second ESMO Asia 2016 Congress!



## Introducing the Singapore Society of Oncology - Breast Cancer Group (BCG)



Initially conceptualized as a group for breast surgeons, the BCG aims to bring together like-minded medical professionals with the following long term targets:

- To promote the advancement of breast cancer treatment.
- To foster closer relationships and exchange between various medical disciplines and subspecialties managing breast cancer.
- To provide continuing medical education for medical professionals.
- To increase public education and awareness of breast cancer.

The inaugural meeting of the newly formed Breast Cancer Group ("BCG") was held on 23 October 2015, chaired by Dr Tan Yah Yuen in conjunction with the SSO Speaker's Night at Crystal Jade Palace at Ngee Ann City.

We kicked off the evening with a lecture by visiting expert, Professor Douglas Macmillan, an oncoplastic breast surgeon from the Nottingham Breast Institute.

His topic was "Oncoplastic Surgery in Small Volume Breasts", which is particularly relevant to our Asian population. He demonstrated examples of breast cancer patients with tumours in various locations and discussed the techniques that can be used to achieve both oncological clearance as well as good cosmesis.

Dr Wong Nan Soon delivered the second lecture of the evening, titled "Genomics in Breast Cancer", where he reviewed current literature evaluating the available genomics assays for breast cancers.

This dinner-meeting provided a good opportunity for breast surgeons and oncologists to interact and exchange ideas. We hope that more doctors and nurses will join us, and we have planned a list of events and lectures for 2016.

**Membership to BCG is free for all existing and new members of SSO. To join SSO, a subscription of \$20 per annum or \$200 for lifetime membership is applicable. Nurses are welcome to join as associate members at a subscription fee of per annum.** Please see website link for application <http://www.singaporeoncology.org.sg/#!/membership/ch5m>

Dr Tan Yah Yuen, Dr Benita Tan, Dr Felicia Tan and myself would like to thank Dr Ravindran Kanesvaran, President of SSO and Dr Tan Sing Huang for their immense support in realization of the formation of the Breast Cancer Group.

(by Dr Tan Yia Swam)