



# Members Newsletter

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## Message from President

Dear Esteemed Colleagues

Happy New Year and on behalf of the SSO's EXCO, I would like to introduce you to our regular newsletter featuring updates on our activities and projects.

Please join me in welcoming our newly appointed Secretariat (Globewerks). The SSO will be supported by their team for all our administrative and event matters. Please feel free to contact them at [sso@globewerks.com](mailto:sso@globewerks.com) should you require any assistance relating to your membership or registration for our events.

2014 will be an exciting year filled with activities and new initiatives that the society will be rolling out including this quarterly newsletter. Some of the upcoming events are listed in the next page. By taking part in these activities, I hope you will not only gain knowledge on the latest advances in cancer care (these events are CME accredited) but also enjoy networking with other members as well.

To start off 2014, we are organizing our first Speaker's Night on 6 March, kindly hosted by Lilly Oncology. Please refer to the rest of the newsletter for more information. We hope that you would join us in this event and we welcome you to invite your non-member oncology colleagues to join us as well reactivate their membership with SSO or join SSO on that day.

Meantime, the secretariat is making preparations for our next Annual General Meeting in April and we hope to have a great turnout then as well.

Best Regards  
Ravindran Kanesvaran  
President - SSO



**Speaker:**

**Prof Nicholas Thatcher,**  
Christie Hospital, UK

## SSO Speaker's Night 6 March (Thursday)

“The Continuous Evolution of Treatment  
in Advanced NSCLC”

Prof's Thatcher's expertise and research interest lie in combining targeted therapies with chemotherapy and novel agents for treatment of advanced non-small cell lung cancer; and integrating first-line chemotherapy and radiotherapy for the treatment of small cell lung cancer.

Venue: Wan Hao at Marriott Hotel (320 Orchard Road),  
Level 3

Time: 7 – 9 pm (Dinner will be served)

***Stand a chance to win an ipad Mini during this talk!***

To register, contact Diane at 6513 7321 or  
([diane@globewerks.com](mailto:diane@globewerks.com))

**This event has been accredited for CME Points.**

# Recent Activities Supported by SSO:

## Asia Pacific Rare Disease and Rare Cancers Advocacy and Expert Forum 2014

Co-Chaired by SSO  
22 - 24 February 2014  
Regent Hotel, Singapore

Attended participants from 6 countries, involved in-depth discussion on how to improve awareness of rare cancers / diseases and to improve treatment access for these patients

## Cancer & Sexuality Professional Symposium

23 February 2014  
NUHS Tower Block, Level 1 Auditorium  
1E Kent Ridge Road, Singapore 119228

Join us at this two-day seminar and workshop on Cancer & Sexuality. Targeted at both the professional and public communities, this event is held in conjunction with World Cancer Day which seeks to raise awareness of cancer.

The four-hour symposium will cover key topics like: Medical Approach for Male Sexual Dysfunction After Cancer, Anxiety, Depression and Sexual Dysfunction in Cancer Patients, Cancer Treatment and Impact on Sexuality, Dealing with Unintended Hormonal Consequences After Cancer, etc. The symposium aims to reach out to doctors, nurses and allied health professionals who are involved in the treatment of cancer patients.

Please click [here](#) for more information!

## UROFAIR 2014

06 - 08 March 2014  
Level 3, Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre

The UROFAIR meeting is the annual scientific meeting of the **Singapore Urological Association**. It has evolved to be the premier congress for urology in the Southeast Asian region over the last 14 years. UROFAIR 2013 attracted about 500 delegates from countries across Asia and Australasia region.

The theme for Urofair 2014 is "*Changing Paradigms in Urology*", and we have a programme planned focusing on BPH and Voiding Disorders, Urologic Oncology, Endourology and Men's Health.

In addition, the congress will be supported by a distinguished panel of both regional and international speakers, such as **Drs Noel Clarke, Mihir Desai, Manish Patel, Stuart Flechner, Chris McMahon, Arnulf Stenzl, Urs Studer, Bertrand Tombal, Oliver Traxer, Reinhold Zimmerman**, and many other well-known local speakers.

Special one-day pass only available to SSO members at S\$200 per day.

Please click [here](#) for more information!

## 2nd Sarcoma Symposium 2014

26 - 27 April 2014  
The Academia, Outram Campus

The 2nd Singapore Sarcoma Consortium Education and Research Meeting will offer participants a comprehensive update of the multi-disciplinary management of gastrointestinal stromal tumours, soft tissue sarcomas, and bony sarcomas. Equally, it aims to bring the local and regional sarcoma community together to establish collaborations for research in this rapidly moving field to accelerate the advancement of sarcoma care in Singapore and the region.

Please click [here](#) for more information!

## **Singapore Palliative Care Conference 2014**

*28 - 29 June 2014*

*Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre*

The theme for SPCC 2014 is "Building Bridges, Enhancing Care". SPCC 2014 offers in-depth perspectives from leading clinicians and practitioners in the field, sharing on practical programmes and interventions beneficial for life and landscape transformations. With these programmes, we aim to advance skills and knowledge by building a platform for world experts, medical professionals and allied health professionals to converge, learn and share.

We aim to make every Palliative Care Conference better than the last thus we are extremely proud to fly in four distinguished speakers from the world of palliative care to share with us their most valued experience and knowledge. Whether you are a clinician or an allied health practitioner, you will be equipped with new skills, ideas and inspiration that would be able to help you grow and resource yourself as a palliative care provider or researcher. This Conference also aims to address the issues that challenge all of us caring for people faced with life-limiting and life-threatening illnesses. It will show how we can put our ideas into practice and be able to overcome challenges faced in providing quality palliative care.

Please click [here](#) for more information!

## **2nd SIOG Asia Pacific Conference**

*11-12 July 2014*

*Singapore*

The mission of the SIOG meetings is to bring together international experts in geriatric oncology to present the latest evidence based research in the care of older adults with cancer. Every year, SIOG Annual conference provides an outstanding and attractive program to enhance and expand the scientific and educational sessions for a large number of international experts in geriatric oncology.

SIOG has decided to bring the highlights of its Annual Conference to the Asia Pacific region again, where you work and live. The SIOG APAC conference is therefore the only regional scientific event in the field of geriatric oncology. At our 1st congress in Kuching - Malaysia (2011), we attracted an attendance of more than 300 participants coming from across the Asia Pacific region.

We hope to expand this year's conference even further and endeavour to put forth a well-balanced programme that will cater to all multidisciplinary professionals caring for senior adults with cancer.

Please click [here](#) for more information!

## **12th Annual Meeting of Japanese Society of Medical Oncology**

*17 - 19 July 2014*

*Fukuoka, Japan*

The theme of the meeting is "Comprehensive Cancer Therapy - From Translational Research and Chemotherapy to Cancer Survivorship." Though advances in research on cancer biology and translational research have resulted in many molecularly targeted agents and new treatment modalities, Japan and other Asian countries must deal with a rapid increase in cancer patients and survivors, especially among the elderly.

The 12th Annual Meeting will discuss not only advances in cancer-targeted therapies, but also geriatric oncology and the management of cancer survivors. We expect to continue our collaboration with oncology societies from the US and EU, as well those from Asian-Pacific regions.

Please click [here](#) for more information!