IMPORTANT DATES

Congress Dates
Abstract Submission Opens 01 March 2012
Abstract Submission Closes 01 May 2012

Group Registration Deadlines
Early Rate Group Registrations 11 June 2012
Regular Rate Group Registrations 24 September 2012
Receipt of Complete Group Participants Details 21 September 2012
Desk Rate Group Registrations as of 25 September 2012

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Programme Highlights
The latest advances in research, patient management and practice will be showcased in Keynote Lectures, Scientific Symposia and Poster Sessions.

The Scientific Programme has been divided into two distinct tracks, clinical and practical, to cater for the educational needs of all participants. More than ever before, oncology pharmacists are involved in pharmaceutical care activities at the bedside. Therefore, it is critical that they keep up-to-date on clinical issues, including new technologies and regulations in the chemotherapy units, in order to provide optimal multidisciplinary patient care.

Meet the Experts
These sessions provide a unique forum for open, informal discussion between recognised researchers and participants. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact personally with the experts and present their questions. There is also the option for delegates to propose cases prior to the Conference and have them analysed.

Clinical Track
The Age of Oral Chemotherapy: A Time of Opportunities and Responsibilities for Oncology Pharmacists

Oral chemotherapy presents a major challenge to healthcare professionals in terms of treatment adherence and self-management of side-effects by patients. Oncology pharmacists have the opportunity to play a crucial role in patient education programmes, provided that they can demonstrate adequate training in particular communication skills.

Innovative Roles of Pharmacists in the Health Care Team

Exciting developments in the role and responsibility of oncology pharmacists have emerged in recent years. A key example of this being the extended prescribing rights of oncology pharmacists in the United Kingdom and the recognition of the pivotal role community pharmacists play in the continuity of patient care. Pharmacovigilance is also increasingly considered as an essential activity to guarantee patient safety.

Access to New High Cost Cancer Drugs: The Role of the Cancer Pharmacist

In recent years, rising expenditure on oncology drugs has caused significant concern amongst government and healthcare bodies, healthcare providers and patients. Consequently, healthcare systems have had to become more sophisticated to take account of this situation. For oncology pharmacists, this has meant greater responsibility in the decision-making process in terms of both patient access schemes and health technology assessment.

Practical Track
This House Believes That Dose-Banding is a Major Issue for Quality, Practical and Economical Reasons

This debate-based session will introduce experts in the field of chemotherapy preparation and dose-banding. They will have the opportunity to expose their arguments in favour or against dose-banding, and to argue with each other as to who will have the last word!

The Oncology Pharmacist: A Supportive Healthcare Professional in Chemotherapy Management

Whether it concerns drug stability or microbiological standards, the oncology pharmacist plays a central role in optimising preparation processes and in endorsing adequate procedures. With their pharmaceutical knowledge, oncology pharmacists have the ability to promote safe handling of cytotoxic drugs, from prescription to administration.

The Opening Event
Exemplifying the close co-operation between oncology physicians and oncology pharmacists, Professor Martine Piccart, President-Elect of the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), will deliver an inspiring opening lecture. Her presentation entitled ‘Personalised Anti-Cancer Therapy: Dream or Reality?’ will use the example of breast cancer to summarise the progress made in identifying who needs medical treatment beyond surgery and radiotherapy and which drug treatment works best for the individual patient.

Social Event
A limited number of tickets will be available to conference delegates to join us for an exclusive social event. Come and network with friends and colleagues over drinks and local delicacies in a relaxed setting.

Price per person: 50 EUR.

Tickets can be purchased upon completing the Registration Form or alternatively onsite in Budapest from the ECOP 2012 Registration Desk.

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