MASCC EDUCATION STUDY GROUP ANNUAL MEETING
Bella Sky Copenhagen Denmark, Thursday June 25, 2015; 14h15-15h15;
Minutes
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• **Introductions & Sign-In:**
  • Name, country, profession, email address (see attached)

• **MASCC Board of Directors Presentation (Paz)**

  Review of the Board of Directors Meeting was provided. A report was presented by Dr. Paz Fernandez on what the Education Study Group are planning to do and what has been done over the last year (eg. Workshop and the development of the following proposal: Improve Cancer Patients’ Knowledge Base about their Oral Cancer Drugs).

• **MASCC Study Group Leadership Meeting Report (Manon)**

  - Workshop deadline application for 2016 conference is **August 15, 2015**
  - Budget deadline to be submitted is October 2015 particularly if there is some special projects, guidelines, research, tools, forms, policy guidance, etc.
  - There are 1650 members attending the MASCC meeting in Copenhagen which is a record; 246 members registered for the 5 workshops this year. The leadership team is thrilled about the numbers of attendees and they are counting on our evaluations which will provide them with valuable information; the evaluation will be using the electronic format.
  - Next year we will meet in Adelaide, Australia.
  - A new web editor has been hired by MASCC, her name is **Toni Clark**; her role is to optimize the webpages which will be an excellent mean to help profile the study group. Welcome Toni.
  - Christine Armstrong is also a new member with MASCC and was involved with the annual meeting management.
  - We need to continue to encourage the addition of new members.
  - MASCC is setting up a new committee to determine the metrics (guideline) for the transition for succession: from new chair, co-chair, past chair, and involvement with the leadership of MASCC. This will help to develop our leadership team.

• **Upcoming chair – 2015-2016:** Dr. Paz Fernandez is our chair for this year; Dr. Manon Lemonde is our outgoing chair but will remain co-chair for 2015-2016.

• **Activities:**
  - Additional translation of MOATT
  - Minutes of 2015 (see attached)

• **Education Group Potential Activities:** Discussion of ideas, proposals & priorities (2015-2016):
a. MASCC abstract reviewers, suggested speakers & topics for 2016; we need everyone to send us any plans for Abstracts or Speaker topics for our 2016 meeting
b. Education Study Group Column for Supportive Care in Cancer: any suggestions for a study group column to be included in MASCC publications will be appreciated.

c. Grant: Improve Patients’ Knowledge Base About their Oral Cancer Drugs
A proposal was developed about improving patient knowledge about oral cancer therapy. We are seeking financial assistance. This grant includes the patient education tool and an emphasis on patient knowledge and patients taking charge of oral treatment.

• Other (comments and suggestions by all members):

The attendees gave their thoughts for our continued educational needs from an international perspective:

a. International harmony of side effects of hormonal therapy, education materials including cost, mental health issues and the full spectrum of side effect.
   a. They believe we need to be thoughtful of gender issues. They would like to start with breast cancer and add on other diagnosis.
   b. They also believe we need to work on communication abilities of the clinicians with pamphlets.
   c. We need to ensure readability of all MASCC brochures. They acknowledge that even the word chemotherapy pushes up the grade level of the reading materials.
   d. They believe we need to consider the next generation: educating younger people more about cancer, so when it happens in their families they are able to help with adherence and more aspects during the treatment.
      a. The group believes if people are more informed, they demonstrate more adherence.
   e. Our education group would like a tool to be developed for knowledge of the patient’s health literacy; this would include a literacy assessment tool and videos (for non-readers).
   f. We need to look at what is our goal to achieve in educating our patients? We need to include patients in this determination, asking the patients what they need.
   g. We spoke about navigators, explaining that many times nurses are the navigators, but some are using other discipline and/or even other survivors.
   h. Informed consents prior to being treated are written above minimum grade level.
   i. We need to consider how much pressure there is in the initial diagnosis for prompt time to get started on treatment. What is the right timing for information? What is the purpose of this information? We need to look at sequencing education with aspects such as: navigators, brochures, consents, and videos? How should we measure this, for future hold and sequencing?
      a. We have patient experts and need to make them involved and accepted.
b. We must be Interdisciplinary in our approach.

- Adjournment at 15h30.

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