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International-Conference-on-Advances-in-Radiation-Oncology-ICARO2
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Background and objectives

The conference is aimed at defining the current role and future potential of technological, medical physics and molecular/biological innovations for their incorporation into routine clinical practice in radiation oncology. It will also provide a forum where advances in technology, best practices and quality assurance methodologies can be disseminated and scientific knowledge exchanged. It will also critically examine the pivotal role of emerging radiotherapy techniques in tackling the health challenges common to many Member States.

The conference follows the success of ICARO1 which was held in 2009.

The main objectives of the conference are:

— To review the current role and future potential of technological, medical physics and molecular/biological innovations for clinical use in radiation oncology;
— To explore the applications of improved imaging tools in treatment planning;
— To review the current status of evidence based recommendations for the treatment of common cancers;
— To review the latest developments in medical dosimetry and dose auditing procedures for new radiotherapy techniques;
— To review the current status of comprehensive audits in radiotherapy;
— To review resource sparing approaches in clinical radiotherapy practice;
— To exchange information on the current advances and implementation challenges in the field among leading experts;
— To define future challenges and directions in the clinical use of radiotherapy.

Audience

The main target audience comprises:

— Radiation oncologists;
— Radiobiologists;
— Medical physicists;
— Technologists.

The conference would also be of interest to scientists, researchers and bio-medical engineers working in the field of radiotherapy.

Programme structure and main topics

The conference programme will include plenary and parallel sessions, poster sessions, round table discussions, lunch fora and teaching lectures.

Both academic and practice-based papers under the umbrella of the following topics will be considered:

— Technological advances and challenges;
— Roadmap for setting up modern radiation oncology facilities;
— New treatment and imaging techniques and clinical evidence;
— Health economics in radiotherapy;
— Developments in treatment planning;
— Small field dosimetry;
— Auditing procedures;
— Personalized medicine;
— Advances in the treatment of recurrent patients;
— National cancer control strategies;
— Developments in quality assurance and new approaches to quality management;
— Safety in radiation therapy;
— Intensity modulated radiotherapy, including arc-based approaches;
— Telemedicine;
— Radiobiology;
— Combined therapies;
— Paediatric radiotherapy;
— Clinical research;
— Applied brachytherapy;
— Education and training of professionals.

KEY DEADLINES

31 October 2016 Electronic submission of extended synopsis including submission of Forms A and B through official channels
31 October 2016 Submission of Grant Application (Form C) and Participation Form (Form A) through official channels
15 January 2017 Notification of acceptance of paper

Any participant not submitting a paper should still submit the Participation Form A through the appropriate authority as soon as possible (see conference webpage for further details).

Credits

#ICARO2 is designated for CME credits (in process).

REGISTRATION

No registration fee is charged.

LANGUAGE

The conference will be held in English.