

# European Association of NeuroOncology Magazine

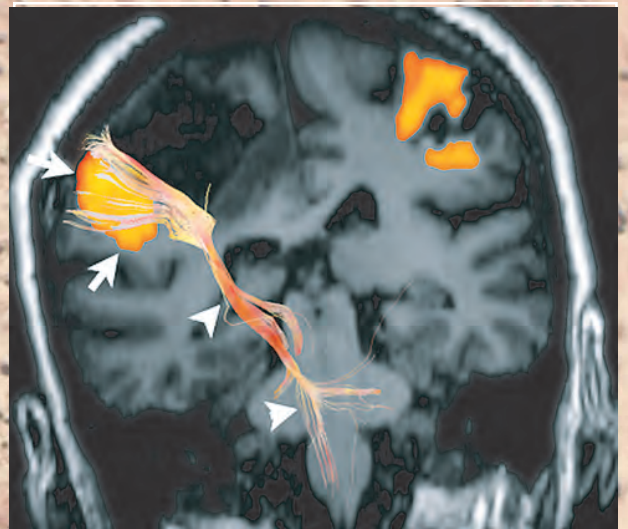
Neurology · Neurosurgery · Medical Oncology · Radiotherapy · Paediatric Neuro-  
oncology · Neuropathology · Neuroradiology · Neuroimaging · Nursing · Patient Issues

## **Editorial: The Present and the Vision of EANO's Future**

Soffietti R

*European Association of  
NeuroOncology Magazine 2012; 2 (3)*

117



Homepage:

[www.kup.at/  
journals/eano/index.html](http://www.kup.at/journals/eano/index.html)

Online Database Featuring  
Author, Key Word and  
Full-Text Search



THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF  
NEUROONCOLOGY

Member of the



## The Present and the Vision of EANO's Future

In the last years, EANO has grown and improved significantly, and the number of members has grown to 670. The congress in Marseille (September 6–9, 2012) had 970 participants and 375 abstracts were submitted compared to 256 for the 2010 meeting in Maastricht. In particular, the field of basic and translational science was more extensively represented in the Educational Day, Scientific Workshops, and Free Communications. In Marseille, the Executive Board was partially renewed, and a plan of actions for the next 2 years (2013–2014) will be developed.

The vision of future developments of EANO involves many directions.

The EANO bylaws are being updated and by the end of this year the new draft, developed by the Executive Board, will circulate among EANO members for their definitive approval.

We are in the process of building a more structured World Federation of Neuro-Oncology, together with SNO (USA) and ASNO (Asia) in order to improve the organization of the Quadrennial Meeting (the next will take place in San Francisco in November 2013) and the cooperation in the initiatives toward the developing countries.

We will increase the relationships with the national multidisciplinary societies/groups of neuro-oncology: so far, almost all western countries have a multidisciplinary society of neuro-oncology, and a Committee of the National Chairmen has been created in Marseille. The first step will be to acquire and spread information on practice, organization, educational and scientific activities within each country. Information on existing guidelines, access to standard and advanced MRI and PET techniques, time to surgery, to adjuvant radiotherapy and to radiosurgery, availability and regulatory rules regarding antineoplastic agents (in particular new targeted agents) are examples of what we need to know to try to homogenize as much as possible the management of primary brain tumours and neurological complications of systemic cancers within Europe. In this regard, the development of European Guidelines will be further expanded.

Moreover, we need to work on the development of a post-residency “Core Curriculum in Neuro-Oncology” (as already established in USA) for both neurosurgical and medical neuro-oncology, and on to the definition of criteria for recognition of so-called centres of excellence or referral centres (especially for rare tumours) within the European countries.

Another future task of EANO should be to foster education in neuro-oncology and to promote the concept and practice of multidisciplinary in Eastern Europe primarily, but also in North Africa and the Middle East by developing regional teaching courses and stimulating the access to EANO travel and exchange programmes.

In addition to EANO-EORTC-ESMO Educational Conferences, it could be important to set up conjoint scientific initiatives (ie, workshops, etc) with the scientific societies of neurosurgery, neurology, neuropathology/basic science, neuroradiology, radiation-oncology, and medical oncology on topics of common interest.

We are aware of the increasing financial limitations in the years to come, and we will pay particular attention to the balance between expected benefits and costs of old and new initiatives.

The *EANO Magazine* is going well and, ultimately, it will serve to improve communication among people from Europe and hopefully from other countries in the world.

I hope that all members will be increasingly involved in EANO initiatives, especially the younger people for an even better future of neuro-oncology in Europe.

Last, I would like to thank EANO's past-president, Wolfgang Grisold, and the members of EANO's Executive Board and Scientific Committee for their great commitment.

See you in Turin in October 2014 for the next EANO Congress!

Riccardo Soffietti, MD

*EANO President (2012–2014)*



Riccardo Soffietti, MD

