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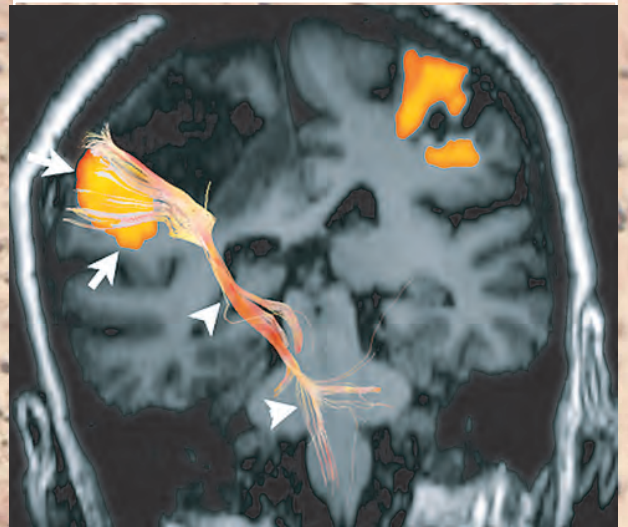
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The Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO) is now putting the finishing touches on our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting and Education Day which will be held November 15–18, 2012, in Washington, DC. Congratulations are due to meeting chair Antonio Chiocca for his outstanding effort in assembling a comprehensive programme highlighting cutting-edge laboratory and clinical research in the field of neuro-oncology. The meeting promises to be a unique environment for the multidisciplinary exchange of ideas among clinician and laboratory scientists in the fields of neuro-oncology, medical oncology, neurosurgery, neuropathology, radiation oncology, neuroradiology, paediatrics, nursing, and other specialties involved in the research, diagnosis, care, and treatment of patients with central nervous system tumours.

On Thursday, November 15, the pre-meeting will begin with a timely and relevant programme for Education Day, with a morning session focused on Targeted Therapies organized by Balveen Kaur and Vinay Puduvalli, and a concurrent session on Quality of Life/Symptom Management organized by Michael Glantz. That afternoon, Susan Chang and Ken Aldape will lead a course on the Basics of Biomarkers.

The main scientific meeting officially commences on Friday, November 16. The meeting starts with Sunrise Sessions on NF2, Energetics and Metabolism, Re-engineered T Cells and Bone Marrow Cells, as well as a special EANO/SNO joint session entitled “From Guidelines to New Trials in Low-Grade Gliomas: The American and European Views”. After the Official Meeting Welcome by Dr Chiocca, the Top-Scoring Basic Science Abstracts will be presented. This session will be followed by the inaugural presentation of the Abhijit Guha Award and Lecture given by James Rutka of the University of Toronto. To conclude the morning, SNO is especially pleased to welcome Bert Vogelstein of Johns Hopkins, who will offer the meeting’s Keynote Address.

Building on the success of previous events, we look forward to a Young Investigators Roundtable Luncheon at noon on Friday. Senior trainees and early-phase independent investigators will participate in informal discussions with senior investigators at roundtables organized in several different topic areas including Neurosurgery, Adult Neuro-Oncology, Paediatric Neuro-Oncology, Basic Science, Translational Science, and Radiation Oncology.

This will be followed by afternoon concurrent sessions on Medical, Neuro- and Radiation Oncology, Basic Sciences,

Quality of Life, Molecular Epidemiology, “-Omics”, and Prognostic Markers. The evening will feature an informative session entitled “Management of 1p/19q codeleted anaplastic gliomas” which will discuss the updated results of the available phase-II and -III trials, how patients should now be managed, what role biomarkers have in patient selection, the choice of chemotherapy regimen, and the design of the ongoing trials (including CODEL and CATNON).

Saturday, November 17, Sunrise Sessions feature Pituitary Tumours: Biology and Treatment, Mechanisms of Glioblastoma Immuno-evasion, the CMV and Glioma Connection, as well as a special session organized by the Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology. These are followed by a Paediatric Minisymposium and a plenary session presenting the Top Scoring Clinical Abstracts. Before lunch, the Victor Levin Award and Lecture will be given by joint-recipients, Gregory Cairncross and Robert Jenkins. The afternoon concurrent sessions will feature Cell Biology and Signalling, Epidemiology, Angiogenesis and Invasion, and Surgery and Immunology. The second poster session will take place after the oral sessions conclude for the day. That evening, the SNO Banquet promises to be a social highlight of the meeting.

Sunday, November 20, begins with Sunrise Sessions on Oncolytic Viruses, Radiobiology, the Biology of Brain Metastases, and MicroRNA Biology. These will be followed by a plenary session featuring more Top Scoring Clinical Abstracts. The final scientific session of the meeting will be devoted to a discussion of RANO: recommendations and ongoing efforts.

Upon the conclusion of the scientific sessions, Young Investigators are invited to attend a special Career Development event. Attendees will take part in an organized networking and mentoring session and each participant will have the opportunity to interact with many potential collaborators and mentors for brief, high-value exchanges that will form the basis of mutually beneficial professional relationships. This will be followed by an informal reception to allow for more extensive follow-up conversations.

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