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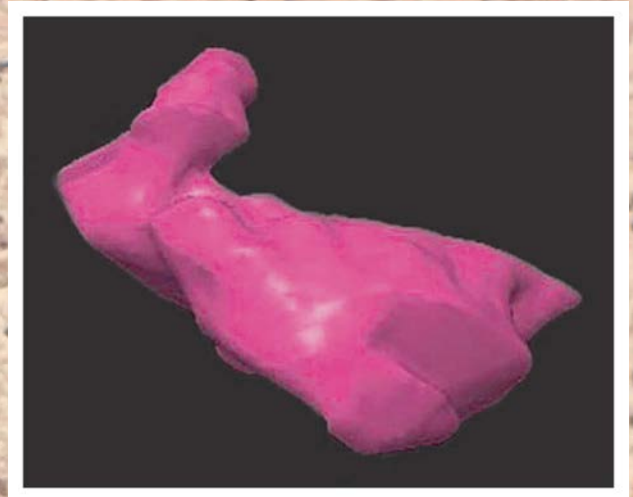
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Dear colleagues,

before moving on to the new initiatives of EANO in 2013, I want to inform you regarding two events that took place in the final months of 2012. The first was the Oncopolicy Forum 2012, organized by ECCO in Brussels in October, consisting of a 1-day meeting on “the Future of Personalized Cancer Medicine in Europe”. The chairmen of oncologic societies (including EANO), major cancer centres, and patient organizations met with representatives of the European Commission for Research, Innovation and Science and health economy experts to discuss how to improve the organization of research, education, and ethical issues within Europe. Three major needs emerged: (1) the need for a central authority in the EU to work on quality assurance of new diagnostic and imaging techniques to uniform validation and reimbursement procedures, (2) the need to define centres of excellence for a future multidisciplinary personalized cancer medicine, and (3) the need of patients as partners for research, especially in rare diseases. All these issues are among the objectives that we are pursuing. The second event I want to inform you about is the meeting of the new EANO Executive Board (elected in Marseille in September) in Frankfurt in December, where we defined the actions to be taken in 2013. We reached a final agreement on several administrative issues such as tax payment and secretariat activities. In particular, from January the Vienna Medical Academy, ie, the agency organizing our meetings, will act as EANO secretariat as well. We will soon move to a final update of the bylaws which will be circulated among members for definitive approval. New task forces to develop guidelines on malignant gliomas, primary central nervous system lymphomas, and brain metastases are being organized.

In 2013, EANO will be directly involved in the organization of two international meetings. The first will be held in Prague from March 22–23 and comprise an update on the major issues under discussion in the neuro-oncological field. The second, probably most important event will be the 4th Quadriennial Meeting of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology in San Francisco from November 21–24. In this regard, we are actively working together with colleagues from SNO (US) and ASNO (Japan) to define the structure of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology. Notably, at the beginning, national groups from various areas of the world could apply.

Last but not least, the EANO Magazine and the website are going very well and I would like to invite any individual member to contribute cases, news, or any other material (by contacting Dr Wolfgang Grisold or Dr Khê Hoang-Xuan).

My best wishes for a Happy and Productive New Year!

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