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Announcements

1. The European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) is proud to announce that Professor Sergio Sandrucci, ESSO Board member and Education & Training Committee Chair, has been appointed as RCE Steering Committee member representing the Scientific societies and Healthcare providers group for the term 2019-2020.

Rare Cancers Europe (RCE) has been established as a partnership of cooperating organisations that work together to place the issue of rare cancers firmly on the European policy agenda, to identify and promote appropriate solutions and to exchange best practices. RCE is an initiative that brings together European stakeholders (currently 34 independent national and international organizations, societies, groups, networks, institutions and companies) with a common aim and commitment to raise awareness about the burden of rare cancers and to tackle rare cancers as an EU health priority. The RCE Steering committee consists of the RCE Chair, Prof. Paolo Casali, and 5 elected members representing their stakeholder group. [Click link here](#) to see full list of committee member appointments.

2. In the context of Observership exchange programme, a joint

venture of ESSO and the American Society of Surgical Oncology (ASO), Dr Tzeng, from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, was selected to attend the ESSO 38 Congress last October in Budapest and visited two European institutions after the meeting, i.e. Centre Leon Berard in Lyon (FR) and Humanitas Research Hospital in Milan (IT). In his report, Dr. Tzeng gives an insightful view into the ESSO 38 congress in Budapest, his time with the ESSO Young Surgeons & Alumni Club (EYSAC) and the fruitful networking experiences offered to him by the joint program. [Click here to read the full report](#)

3. ESSO President Dr Tibor Kovacs from Guy's Hospital and King's College, London, United Kingdom, was invited to present the highlights of the ESSO 38 congress in Budapest during a recorded e-eso session. The topics discussed include trends in cancer data, highlights and discussion on the most intensely debated subjects in past, present and future cancer surgery (Colorectal, Upper GI, Breast), and the general statistics behind the successful ESSO38 congress in 2018. The full video is available from the ESSO e-learning platform at [e-eso website here](#)