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ESSO - EYSAC Nutritional Survey

Data on patient nutrition is a fundamental pillar in the battle against cancer, which is why the European Society of Surgical Oncology and its Young Alumni Club (EYSAC) needs you to complete a global survey! The study is focused on if and how patients are screened for their nutritional status before undergoing surgery depending on specialization. The study rationale is to investigate and compare practice of different sub-specialties in different countries in order to evaluate and design measure of interventions. Results are expected to be presented during the ESSO 39 Congress in Rotterdam. For more information and contribute towards this important research now, follow this link: <https://www.essoweb.org/news/global-survey-nutrition-cancer-patients-esso-eyzac>.



The ECCO 2019 European Cancer Summit on 12–14 September 2019 in Brussels, Belgium will bring together worldwide leaders from cancer care, research, patient advocacy and public-private sectors in a unique multi-stakeholder forum. **The theme of the second edition of the ECCO Summit is: “European Cancer Care: Across Borders”.** Reaching the 70:35 Vision for cancer: 70% long term survival for all cancer patients across Europe by 2035 requires breaking down the borders of cancer care: between countries, professions, sectors and stakeholders. The ECCO 2019 multidisciplinary and patient-centred Programme is focused on debating leading edge ideas in achieving improvement in cancer care, determine consensus resolutions for improving healthcare systems, and decide on an action plan for the way forward to ensure ideas translate into policies that will impact daily clinical practice. Engage in resolution-forming to shape the EU cancer policy agenda, represent your organisations voice to the change-making community of European cancer care, and network with leaders from cancer health care, patient advocacy and stakeholder communities. ESSO will participate actively in the programme of the European Cancer Summit with experts in several sessions, including Artificial Intelligence and Diagnosis. Visit <https://www.eccosummit.eu/> for more information.

American Society of Surgical Oncology 2020 International Career Development Exchange Program

Open to ESSO members in good standing, the International Career Development Exchange (ICDE) program provides support for up-and-coming surgical oncologists, with leadership potential. The program pairs ICDE Recipients with a leading SSO member “Mentor,” and enables recipients to attend the SSO Annual Cancer Symposium, participate in a post-meeting visit to their Mentor's

institution, and develop long-term relationships to improve cancer care in their countries.

The recipient will receive a stipend of \$3,000 USD to assist with travel arrangements, a complimentary registration for the 2020 SSO Annual Cancer Symposium, a one-year of complimentary membership with SSO, which includes a subscription to the *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, and the opportunity to visit ONE U.S. based institution.

Further information on eligible criteria and application procedure is available from <https://www.essoweb.org/fellowships/ssosso-international-career-development-exchange/>

Your Paper, Your Way

“Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler” (Attributed to Albert Einstein)

Over the past few years, a recurring plea arose from researchers to simplify the process of preparing and submitting papers. With every journal having different technical and formatting requirements and many papers being submitted more than once before publication, authors made it very clear that every hour wasted re-formatting was an hour taken from their research. In fact, nearly one in three researchers named ‘preparing manuscripts’ when asked what work activities they found most frustrating or time-consuming, in a survey carried out by Elsevier's Research and Academic Relations department.

With the aim of making the submission process simpler, the *European Journal of Surgical Oncology* has now introduced Your Paper, Your Way (YPYW). YPYW is an easier submission process, focusing on the quality of the science in the initial stages of submission and only requiring elements needed for eventual production at the revision stage. When papers are rejected, this easier submission process saves authors time and effort and in addition, may help them achieve faster publication speeds.

YPYW is now indicated at the beginning of the Guide for Authors as follows:

“We now differentiate between the requirements for new and revised submissions. You may choose to submit your manuscript as a single Word or PDF file to be used in the refereeing process. Only when your paper is at the revision stage, will you be requested to put your paper into a ‘correct format’ for acceptance and provide the items required for the publication of your article.”

Your Paper, Your Way requirements

- Authors may submit their manuscript (text, figures and tables) as a single file. This can be a Word or PDF file, in any format or layout, and figures and tables can be placed within the text.
- Figures should be of high enough quality for refereeing.

- There are no strict formatting requirements, but all manuscripts must contain the essential elements needed to evaluate a manuscript (Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Materials & Methods, Results, Conclusions, Artwork and Tables with Captions) and should include page numbers.
- References can be in any style or format, as long as the style is consistent. Author(s) name(s), journal title/book title, article title (where required), year of publication, volume & issue/book chapter and the pagination must be present. Use of DOI is highly encouraged. The reference style used by the journal will be applied to the accepted article by Elsevier at the proof stage.
- When a paper reaches the revision stage, authors will be requested to deliver any items that are still required for publication, for example editable source files.

Further information can be found online in the Guide for Authors on <https://www.ejso.com/authorinfo>.

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