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## Announcements

### European Board of Surgery qualification in surgical oncology

17 surgical oncologists from Europe and beyond took the surgical oncology exam in English, which was organised in partnership with the Division of Surgical Oncology of the European Board of Surgery of the UEMS on 12 October last in Rotterdam (Netherlands). 14 candidates obtained their certification.

The best scored candidate was:

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: Paul Sutton**, The Christie Hospital, Manchester, United Kingdom.

For the first time the Surgical Oncology exam was also organised in German language in Wiesbaden (Germany) on 1st–2nd of October. 11 candidates out of 13 passed the exam. The best scored candidate was:

**1<sup>st</sup> prize: Sebastian Schölch**, University Hospital of Mannheim, Germany.

Bookmark the ESSO website for regular updates on the 2020 examinations at <https://www.essoweb.org/ebsq-qualification/> and find out about the eligible criteria, deadline for application, exam dates and venues.

### European Board of Surgery qualification in breast cancer surgery

The 2019 exam session in breast cancer surgery organised jointly by ESSO and the Division of Breast Surgery of the UEMS took place in Bucharest (Romania) on 28–29 September 2019. It gathered 49 candidates. 46 candidates passed the exam this September.

The best scored candidates are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Kavitha Kanesalingam**, Westmead Breast Cancer Institute, Sydney, Australia.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Emanuele Garreffa**, United Kingdom, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Ishita Laroija**, India, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, India.

Visit the ESSO website at <https://www.essoweb.org/ebsq-qualification/> for more information about the eligible criteria, deadline for application, exact date and venue of the next breast examination sessions.

### ESSO 39 congress awards

On the occasion of the 39th ESSO Congress organised on 9–11 October 2019 in Rotterdam (NL), some prestigious ESSO awards were presented to leading experts in recognition of their outstanding contribution to surgical oncology:

- **Prof. Dr. Emiel E.J.Th. Rutgers (Netherlands)** was awarded with the ESSO Lifetime Achievement Award; The ESSO Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes international research by individuals that demonstrate commitment to clinical cancer research and/or education.
- **Prof. Dr. Peter Naredi (Sweden)** was awarded with the ESSO Medal in recognition of his continuous efforts towards the improvement of the education and training of young surgeons, and of his investment in ESSO's successful growth and internationalization.
- **Professor Takeshi Sano (Japan)** was presented the ESSO Honorary Membership during the partner societies' session. Honorary Membership is awarded to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the achievement of the goals of the Society, particularly in the field of interdisciplinary or international co-operation

Also, several young surgeons were rewarded for their presentations or posters:

#### The best proffered paper awards went to:

- **Wobbe De Steur (NL)** for his presentation on “Patterns of recurrence in the CRITICS gastric cancer trial: results from intention-to-treat and per-protocol analyses”.
- **Ariane A. van Loevezijn (NL)** for her presentation on “Clinical impact of MRI-detected additional lesions in breast cancer patients treated with neoadjuvant systemic therapy at the Netherlands cancer institute”.

#### The “ESSO Awards for the Best Posters” were presented to:

- **Gold Award: Oskar Hemmingsson (SE)** for his poster on “A Nationwide Case Control Registry Study on the Benefit of Surgery for Breast Cancer Liver Metastases”;
- **Silver Award: Pascal Jonker (NL)** for his study on the “Multimodality Treatment Improves Locoregional Control and Overall Survival in Patients with Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer”;
- **Bronze Award: Young-Joon Kang (KR)** for his work on “A Nomogram for Predicting Three or More Axillary Lymph Node Involvement before Breast Cancer Surgery”.

#### SSO-ESSO international career development exchange programs

Through its partnership with ESSO, the American Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) provides every year a grant to an ESSO surgical oncologist to attend the SSO Annual Cancer Symposium and visit a pre-eminent surgical oncology institution within the States.

**Dr. Olivia Sgarbura** is the candidate selected by ESSO Education and Training Committee this year to benefit from this exciting opportunity. In March Dr. Olivia Sgarbura will travel to Boston to attend SSO Annual Cancer Symposium 2020. She will then visit a U.S. medical institution specializing in her preferred specialty. Olivia Sgarbura is currently Consultant of Surgical Oncology in the Institut Regional du Cancer in Montpellier, France.

Through a similar partnership, the Brazilian Society of Surgical Oncology (BSSO) provides a grant to a young ESSO member to

attend the BSSO biennial congress and visit an institute in Brazil.

The ESSO Education and Training Committee selected **Dr. Robert Tyler** this year to benefit from this outstanding chance. Dr. Robert Tyler will visit the AC Camargo Cancer Hospital, in São Paulo. Robert Tyler is currently working in the Institution University Hospital in Birmingham at the Department of Soft Tissue Sarcoma.

For further information about the ESSO International Career Development Exchange Programs with SSO and BSSO visit <https://www.essoweb.org/fellowships/>