Greetings,

On behalf of the organizing committee, I am delighted to invite you to attend the inaugural Global Oral Cancer Forum to be held in New York City on March 4-5, 2016.

The forum will bring together an international and diverse group of individuals demonstrating passion and dedication to oral cavity cancer, and we see it as an opportunity for attendees from academia, government agencies, non-profit organizations, industry, healthcare providers, associations, patient advocacy groups, and other sectors to engage with one another to exchange ideas.

It is critical to our success, to help catalyze change and spurs new ideas.

Paired delegates from 8 regions of the world have been selected and will provide short presentations summarizing the oral cancer situation in their respective regions. Five additional groups have been identified, and panelists from these groups will present gaps and innovations in various domains across the oral cancer continuum, with a particular emphasis on early detection.

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Worldwide nearly 1 million patients a year will be diagnosed with oral and oropharyngeal cancer. Despite the easy accessibility to these body sites by healthcare providers, more than 70% are diagnosed in advanced stages where the cancer has already spread to regional lymph nodes or beyond. Approximately 150,000 patients die each year and many more suffer from the complications of treatment.

Clinicians, scientists, epidemiologists, activists, public health officials and others are working hard to understand how to reduce the global oral cancer burden. This inaugural Global Oral Cancer Forum will be showcased in New York City to highlight gaps and innovations in prevention, patient care, technology, and stakeholders across the oral cancer continuum. International scientists, panelists, and delegates demonstrating passion and dedication for oral cancer will be selected and will provide short presentations summarizing the oral cancer situation in their respective regions.

By building these partnerships, the Forum will increase the public’s knowledge of the oral cancer continuum by facilitating partnerships that can lead to reduced cancer burden.

Learn about innovations, models, or ideas that have the potential to catalyze positive change globally and help to reduce these statistics. The GOCF will be open to a limited number of registrants.

To assure this eclectic blend of attendees there will be strategies to improve outcomes.

To screen or not to screen: who, why, where, and when?

undertaking gaps in the oral cancer continuum and developing strategies to improve outcomes.

• Clinical and early detection technologies and strategies to improve outcomes.

Topics

• Global oral cancer burden: regional disparities.

• Understanding gaps in the oral cancer continuum and developing strategies to improve outcomes.

• To screen or not to screen: who, why, where, and when?

• Clinical assessment and emerging technology for early detection.

• Biomarkers and chemoprevention: Where are we?

• Empowering the public to drive policy development — the role of media, government and non-profit organizations.

Mission Statement

The Global Oral Cancer Forum is an international assembly of passionate professionals focused on building awareness of gaps and innovations in prevention, patient care, technology, and services across the oral cancer continuum by facilitating partnerships that transcend cultural and economic diversity.

Vision Statement

By building these partnerships, The Forum will promote the changes required for a substantial impact on incidence, morbidity, and mortality of oral cancer worldwide.

About the Global Oral Cancer Forum

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In addition to the World Health Organization, intellectual sponsorships by organizations, associations, academies and learned societies, and foundations will be invited to contribute to the forum. The funding is through an unrestricted educational grant and the meeting organizers and speakers will have complete control over content.

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THURSDAY March 3, 2016

6:00pm–8:00pm Welcome Reception: (open to all registrants, spouses/partners welcome)

FRIDAY March 4, 2016

8:00am–8:15am Introduction: Dr. A. Ross Kerr (USA)

9:15am–11:15am Global Oral Cancer Status: Regional Disparities
Chair: Professor Newell Johnson (Australia) MODERATOR: Poul Erik Petersen (WHO)
Regional Delegates North America: Douglas Morse (USA), Alessandro Villa (USA), Regional Delegates Europe: Pedro Olózaga (Spain), Marco Mella (Italy), Regional Delegates Asia: WM Tilakan (Sri Lanka), Honghua (China), Regional Delegates Far East: Australia: Cheung Sok Ching (Malaysia), Camile Farah (Australia), Regional Delegates Middle East: Joe Hills (South Africa), Omar Kujan (Middle East), Regional Delegates South America: Pablo Vergos (Brazil), Hector Lantrech (Argentina)

11:15am–11:45am Coffee Break/Poster Viewing

11:45am–1:15pm Understanding gaps in the oral cancer continuum and developing strategies to improve outcomes.
Chair: Professor Saman Warnakulasuriya (UK) MODERATOR: Alexis Rapidis (Greece)
Panelists: Pedro Olózaga (Spain), Jed Jacobson (USA), Honghua (China), Hector Lantrech (Argentina)

1:15pm–2:00pm Lunch/Poster Viewing
Includes 20 minute WHO presentation Dr. Poul Erik Petersen

2:00pm–3:30pm To screen or not to screen: Who, Why, Where and When?
Chair: Professor Paul Speight (UK) MODERATOR: Joel Epstein (USA)
Panelists: Toru Nagao (Japan), Mark Lingen (USA), Ranga Ranganathan (India), Pablo Vergos (Brazil), Omar Kujan (Middle East)

3:30pm–4:00pm Coffee Break/Poster Viewing

4:00pm–5:30pm Clinical assessment and emerging technology for early detection.
Chair: Dr. A. Ross Kerr (USA) MODERATOR: Joel Unger (USA)
Panelists: Camile Farah (Australia), Calum MacAulay (Canada), Abraham Kurickose (India), Rebecca Richards-Kortum (USA)

SATURDAY March 5, 2016

7:30am–9:00am Biomarkers and Chemoprevention: Where are we?
Chair: Dr. Miten Patel (Canada) and Dr. Silvia Gutkind (USA) MODERATOR: Paul Brown (USA)
Panelists: Arv Chaudhuri (USA), Scott Lipman (USA), Sol Ching Cheung (Malaysia)

9:30am–10:30am Empowering the public to drive policy development – the role of media, government and non-for-profit organizations.
Chair: Dr. Fiona Chisholm (India) MODERATOR: shrinath (USA)
Panelists: Brian Hill (USA), Terry Day (USA), Michael Walton (UK), Mark DeLacure (USA)

10:30am–11:00am Coffee Break

11:00am–12:30pm Looking forward
Dr. Jatin Shah, Dr. A. Ross Kerr & Panelists

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