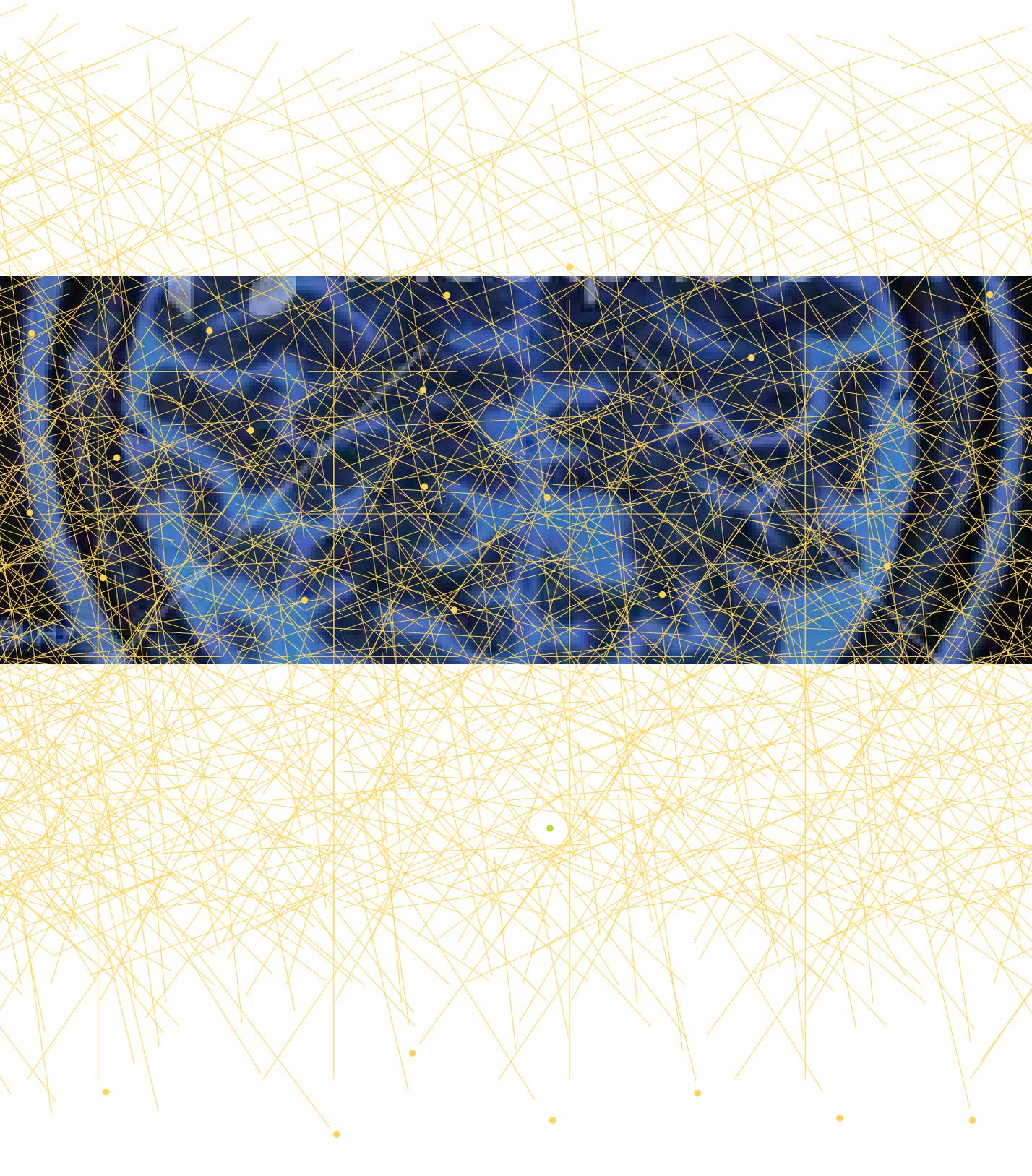


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Society for NeuroOncology

Annual Report 2010





Dear Colleagues,

It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve as the President of the Society for Neuro-Oncology for the past year. I congratulate my predecessor, Susan Chang for her outstanding leadership as President for the past two years. Dr. Chang ran SNO with aplomb, advancing many new educational initiatives, and adroitly navigating SNO through turbulent waters as our journal transitioned to its new publisher. She has been a model president and deserves our thanks.

This year has been an exciting one for our Society. Indeed, 2010 marks the 15th Anniversary of the founding of SNO! To celebrate this occasion, our newly appointed Historians, Vinay Puduvalli and Abhijit Guha, along with SNO's founding president Victor Levin prepared a special brochure, highlighting SNO's history and successes. We hope that this brochure captures the growth and transition of SNO into the dynamic organization that it currently is. This keepsake will be distributed to all members as we commemorate this important milestone at our upcoming annual meeting.

For the first time, SNO sponsored a joint meeting with the Section on Tumors of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (AANS/CNS SOT) which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana from October 22-24, 2009. With over 1000 participants, this event proved to be a success and has paved the way for new initiatives with other like-minded societies. Therefore, in May of 2011, SNO will be organizing the Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Basic and Translational Research Conference with the generous support of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Likewise, SNO members will participate in a special joint session at the American Association of Neuro-Radiologist's Annual meeting in June 4-5, 2011 in Los Angeles.

This year's 2010 SNO Annual Meeting will be held in Montreal, Canada from November 18-21. Kenneth Aldape, Scientific Program Chairman, has put together an outstanding program with multiple sunrise sessions, and a special symposium on isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 (IDH1). The Education Day will include a session on angiogenesis organized by Tracy Batchelor, Howard Colman, and Erwin Van Meir and a Quality of Life Session organized by Mary Lovely.

SNO continues to develop in other areas as well. 1) We have reinstated the publication of a formal newsletter, *SNO News*. Under the editorial leadership of Daniel Cahill, this newsletter will report on SNO activities; the first volume is due prior to the Annual Meeting. 2) We have initiated an overhaul of the Committees, including timing of appointment and term limits; and we hope the changes will enhance membership participation. 3) We have worked diligently to update and expand the SNO Website. Under the guidance of Erik Sulman, our new Website Committee Chair, we have improved the website interface to better assist our membership. 4) Lastly, our International Outreach Committee under the direction of Jonathan Finlay continues to make progress, and our first International Outreach Research Fellowship was awarded to Yi Lin of China.

Overall, SNO remains a strong and vibrant Society with an active and continually growing multi-disciplinary membership. I thank Vice President Patrick Wen, Treasurer Michael Vogelbaum, and the Board of Directors who have worked hard throughout the year to keep SNO on track. We all remain indebted to our Executive Director Chas Haynes and the SNO staff, Jan Esenwein and Linda Greer, who continue to work with untiring devotion to SNO.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frederick F. Lang, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Frederick F. Lang, MD
SNO President

A Message from the Executive Director



Dear Society Members,

It is with great pleasure that I submit this 2010 Annual Report to the members and friends of our Society. As you read through the pages of this document, I would ask that you take a moment to reflect on how far our Society has come in just 15 years. Indeed, what started as a small gathering of investigators has now become arguably the preeminent organization devoted to the study and treatment of brain tumors.

The Society thanks Susan Chang for her thoughtful and steady leadership during her tenure as President. As a result of her efforts, our current President, Frederick Lang, takes the reins of a financially sound, active organization that is focused on adding value to its members. Dr. Lang has instituted several important new initiatives designed to make the Society an increasingly effective platform for communication and exchange, including a reorganization of the SNO committee structure and new electronic web-based communications.

Certainly a highlight of 2010 has been working with our new publishing partner, Oxford University Press (OUP), to increase in the publication frequency of our official journal, *Neuro-Oncology*, from six to twelve monthly issues. Aside from the corresponding increase in the number of scientific papers appearing in the journal, the lead time for accepted articles to appear on-line has been dramatically reduced, as has the time it takes for articles to appear in the printed pages of the journal. Our partnership with OUP has also yielded other significant benefits, including leveraging their significant global presence to increase international subscriptions and improve institutional and consortia sales. Under the editorial care of Editor in Chief W.K. Alfred Yung, the journal remains not only the seminal publication in the field of neuro-oncology, but one of the top ranking cancer journals. The Society remains deeply grateful to Darell Bigner, the journal's founding editor, and the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation for their support in launching the journal.

J. Charles Haynes, JD
SNO Executive Director

I am also pleased to report that our membership has never been higher and we will finish the 2010 calendar with over 1250 members representing every specialty in the field of neuro-oncology. A breakout of member disciplines is shown on the last page of this report. Looking ahead, the next twelve months hold many opportunities for our Society. We will continue to develop the initiatives outlined in this report, and look forward to working with our sister societies in the planning and execution of some exciting joint meetings and collaborative projects.

It is said that the sum is only as great as its parts, and it is thanks to the efforts of the volunteer leadership, our members and partner organizations, that today the Society for Neuro-Oncology stands ready to support the work of those on the frontlines of neuro-oncology clinical care and research. I would like to thank Jan Eesenwein and Linda Greer for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Society. In closing, I would say that it has been a highly productive and positive year for our Society, and we have generated significant momentum as we move forward.

A Message from the Foundation



Dear Society for Neuro-Oncology Members and Supporters,

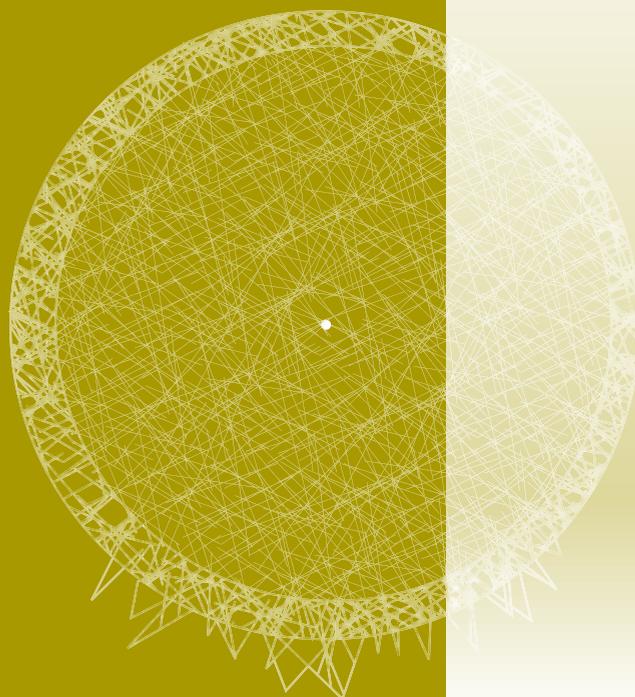
We are pleased to provide you with the 2010 Annual Report. While the global economic downturn continues to affect the development efforts of all non-profit organizations, the Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO) has had a solid year. We have had many accomplishments in our first 15 years and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

As you read this Annual Report, you will note that the Society is currently engaged in a number of educational initiatives, collaborative meetings and other programs that add value to membership. In order to fund these efforts, the Society relies in large part on the support of our corporate and foundation partners, as well as the generosity of our members. SNO has four programs—the Annual Meeting Sponsorship Program, the Partner's Advisory Council, the President's Club, and the Victor Levin Founder's Society—which sustain its vision and mission. The Annual Meeting Sponsorship Program has facilitated growth in the Society's premier education event. Those non-profit associations, foundations and societies, and corporate donors who support the annual meeting at the highest level with a multi-year commitment are members of the Partner's Advisory Council, which has direct access to the SNO Board of Directors and Foundation Board on a regular basis. Current members of the Council include the American Brain Tumor Association, EMD Serono, Genentech, Merck, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and the Sontag Foundation. This year, the Society is pleased to welcome the National Brain Tumor Society as our latest Platinum Level Partner and Advisory Council Member. The President's Club provides annual giving opportunities for individual members of the Society. Through endowment, the Victor Levin Founder's Society is pleased to fund our latest award, the Victor Levin Award and Lecture, described in more detail further in this Annual Report.

SNO is proud to provide a variety of educational resources to better assist the clinicians, basic scientists, nurses and other health care professionals whose focus is central nervous system tumors in children and adults. As our Society continues to grow and evolve, we ask you to consider how you may contribute to the Society with your time or financial resources. Together we are making progress to help our patients live longer, better lives.

Sincerely,

Mitchel S. Berger, MD, Mark R. Gilbert, MD,
Victor A. Levin, MD and Edward G. Shaw, MD (Foundation President)



FORGING NEW PARTNERSHIPS

2009 Joint Meeting of the Society for Neuro-Oncology and the AANS/CNS Section on Tumors

This historic meeting, held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana on October 22–24, 2009, was the first joint meeting between the Society for Neuro-Oncology and the AANS/CNS Section on Tumors. The meeting was a huge success, continuing the trend of years past with a record 600 abstracts presented and attendance of over 1,000 people. The meeting was co-chaired by Frederick Lang and Randy Jensen, assisted by a Scientific Committee composed of Abhijit Guha, Michael McDermott, Jeffrey Bruce, Susan Chang, Mark Gilbert, and Michael Vogelbaum, with Terri Armstrong organizing the Quality of Life sessions.

In the traditional format of the yearly Society for Neuro-Oncology Meeting, the joint meeting started with an education half-day, with the theme of “Personalized Medicine: Is it the Future or Now?” The goals of this education half-day meeting were to explore the application of individual data to better target, prevent, and treat a particular disease or condition. During the session, the use of personalized clinical, radiographic, genomic, and protein data, as well as personalized epigenetics, was explored. Two speakers, each representing the specialties of pathology, surgery, radiation oncology, and medical oncology discussed the technology in their subspecialty and the application of this technology towards personalized medicine. These talks addressed the current status of these applications and the future of personalized medicine. In the beginning session on neuropathology, Kenneth Aldape described the “Predictive and Prognostic Value of Global Profiling Technologies in Neuropathology.” He was followed by Daniel Brat, who spoke on the “Predictive and Prognostic Value of Specific Molecular Biomarkers in Neuropathology.” The surgical session began with Christopher Nimsy, who spoke on “Technology Supporting Personalized Surgical Care.” He was followed by Cameron Brennan, speaking on the topic of “Clinical Decision-making in Surgery Incorporating Molecular Markers.” This session was followed by a session featuring two radiation oncologists: Kristina Tsien, who spoke

on the “Technology Supporting Personalized Radiation Oncology,” followed by Minesh Mehta, who discussed the “Role of Molecular Markers in Clinical Decision-making in Radiation Oncology.” The final speakers of the education half-day were Timothy Cloughesy, who spoke on “Molecular Markers for Guiding Decision-making in Personalized Neuro-oncology,” and Mark Gilbert, who discussed “Molecular Markers for Guiding Development of Clinical Trials and Personalized Neuro-oncology.”

Of note, the morning also included the special concurrent session on “Enhancing Quality of Life Throughout the Illness Trajectory.” This was organized by Terri Armstrong from the MD Andersen Cancer Center, Kimberly M. Wallgren from the CERN Foundation and Jennifer Brusstar from the Tug McGraw Foundation. To begin this session, attendees were treated to a moving video-taped welcome message from musician Tim McGraw, who expressed his appreciation to the organizers and participants for the important work they are doing on behalf of brain tumor patients. Walter Baile then discussed “Good News or Bad: Communicating with Your Patient,” and Jeffrey Wefel spoke on the topic of “Chemobrain? Impact of Tumor and Treatment on Neurocognitive Function: What We Know, Where to Go.” This was followed by talks on “Radiation of Brain Metastasis, Toxicity and Interventional Trials” by Paul Brown, “The Other Health Care Professional: Training the Care-giver” by Harriet Patterson, and “Promoting Comfort and Choice at the End of Life” by Sherry Fox.

The Joint Meeting of the Society for Neuro-Oncology and AANS/CNS Section on Tumors began on the afternoon of Thursday, October 22, with a moment of silence and remembrance in honor of Mike Traynor, President and Co-Founder of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, who had recently passed away. During the Introduction, notice was also made of the passing of Samuel Hassenbush, MD, PhD, for whom a talk later in the meeting was named.

The meeting then started with presentations of the top scoring abstracts. This session was composed of the eight top scoring abstracts of all of the abstracts submit-

ted to the meeting. This preliminary session gave the general membership of the two Societies a chance to hear reports on a variety of great research, in both basic science and clinical research. During this session, the award for excellence in adult clinical research was given to Riccardo Soffietti for his paper, “Adjuvant Whole Brain Radiotherapy versus Observation after Radiosurgery or Surgical Resection of 1–3 Cerebral Metastases: Results of the EORTC 22952-26001 Study.” The award for excellence in adult translational research went to Aaron Tannenbaum for his paper, “Sunitinib Inhibits Glioma Growth by Blocking Progenitor Cell Recruitment.” Another award for excellence in adult clinical research was presented to Mei-Yin Polley for the paper, “Six-month Progression-free Survival as an Alternative Primary Efficacy End-Point to Overall Survival in Newly-Diagnosed Glioblastoma Patients Receiving Temozolomide.”

The plenary sessions began with an open abstract session on Tumor Biology. Nine abstracts were presented in this session, and the award for excellence in adult basic research went to Lynette Moore for her paper “IGFBP2 Is a Candidate Biomarker for INK4-ARF Status and a Therapeutic Target for High-Grade Gliomas.”

In the evening, a poster session and reception allowed attendees to mingle and review the incredible work being done by the members of the two Societies. The evening also included Satellite Symposia sponsored by companies with emerging technologies.

The following day began with sunrise sessions in which the topics of “Neurosurgical Oncological Endoscopy,” “Meningiomas: Current Basic Science and Clinical Treatments,” “Cancer Stem Cells; State of the Hypothesis” and “Metastatic Spine Tumors: Biology and Therapy” were addressed. In each of these sessions, a leader and three or four experts in the field discussed current issues related to the topic of their session.

The morning plenary session was begun with a presentation by the Farber Award winner, Peter Dirks. Dr. Dirks summarized his work on “Brain Tumor Stem Cells” and was well received. This was followed by an open abstract session on Medical Therapies.

After the open abstract session, the keynote speaker, Ramond Sawaya, addressed the topic of “Neurosurgical Oncology—an Indispensable Partner: Surgeons Can Be Involved in Neuro-oncological Research and Play an Important Role in the Neuro-Oncology Team.” After this interesting keynote address, the remainder of the afternoon was filled with concurrent open abstract sessions on the topics of Surgical Therapies; Experimental

and Clinical Therapies; and Epidemiology and Quality of Life; Radiology; Pediatric Basic Science; Immunobiology and Immunotherapy; and Radiation Oncology. During the Epidemiology and Quality of Life session, the award for excellence in quality of life research went to Andrea Pace for her paper on “Palliative Home Care for Brain Tumor Patients: Results and Cost/Utility Analysis of 6 Years of a Pilot Project.” During the Pediatric Basic Science session, the award for excellence in pediatric basic research went to Robert Johnson for his paper on “Radial Glia Are Susceptible to Transformation into Ependymoma by Candidate Human Ependymoma Tumor Suppressor Genes (TSG) and Oncogenes.” The award for excellence in pediatric translational research went to Dominik Sturm for his paper on “Identification of SGK1 as a Novel Prognostic Marker for Disease Outcome in Medulloblastoma.”

That evening, during the second poster session, two awards were given for the best posters. A clinical poster award given to Gurpreet Kapoor from the University of Pennsylvania for his poster on the topic of “Perfusion-Weighted Imaging Identifies MR Surrogates of Malignant Glioma Molecular Subtypes.” A basic science award was given to Haizhong Feung from the University of Pittsburgh for research on the topic of “PDGFR Stimulates Glioma Cell Invasion Through Tyrosine Phosphorylation of a Bipartite Guanine Nucleotide Exchange Factor Dock180.”

As on Friday, Saturday morning began with early morning sunrise sessions in the format of “Meet the Experts.” In these well-attended sessions, the topics of “Epidemiology and Pharmacogenetics”; “Immunotherapy: Current Status of Clinical Trials”; “Medulloblastoma: Current State of Biology and Therapy”; and “-omics and Brain Tumors: Genomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, Ubiquinomics” were addressed. The morning plenary sessions began with an introduction of the Hassenbusch Lecture by Frederick Lang. This year’s Hassenbusch Lecturer was Katie Orrico, J.D., who heads up the Washington Committee of the AANS/CNS. Ms. Orrico gave a wonderful talk that honored the accomplishments of Sam Hassenbush as well as outlined some of the difficulties facing neurosurgery in the upcoming health reform legislation.

The day concluded with plenary sessions on the topics of “Genomics and Proteomics,” “Stem Cells,” and “Pathological and Prognostic Markers.” The meeting adjourned at noon on Saturday, October 24, with a general consensus that combining the Tumor Section of the AANS/CNS Satellite Meeting and the Society for Neuro-Oncology Meeting provided a wonderful platform for exchange of ideas between the two Societies.

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT, LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

SNO Celebrates its 15th Year

2010 was a milestone for the Society as we celebrated our 15th year. What started as a small group of 200 investigators has grown into a dynamic, robust organization of over 1100 multidisciplinary members all focused on one goal – to improving the care and treatment of patients with brain tumors. To commemorate this event, a newly formed History Committee led by Abhijit Guha and Vinay Puduvalli created a special brochure chronicling the history of SNO in order to celebrate the initial vision of the Society's founders and the efforts of our volunteer members who have ably steered SNO over the past 15 years.

The brochure chronicles the growth of the SNO Annual Meeting, starting in 1996 with the first gathering of 215 investigators in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Over the years, the meeting has evolved to include an Education Day (starting in 1999) and other notable events such as the Quadrennial Meeting of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology meetings that have taken place in Washington, DC (2001), Edinburgh, Scotland (2005) and Yokohama, Japan (2009) and the recent joint meeting with the Section on Tumors of the AANS/CNS (2009). To be sure, the SNO Annual Meeting would not have become a premier event in neuro-oncology without the hard work, dedication and effort of numerous SNO member volunteers over the years. Today, the Annual Meeting regularly enjoys attendance of well over 1100 participants where members can share scientific results, explore new treatment paradigms, establish new collaborations, and form new friendships.

Launched in 1999, SNO's official journal, *Neuro-Oncology*, has similarly grown and has today become the seminal publication of the field. Launching any new publication is a costly proposition, but with a generous grant from the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, the Society had the financial resources to establish a scientific advisory board with representation from all disciplines of neuro-oncology and from all areas of the world. Thanks to the dedication of founding editor Darell Bigner and subsequent efforts by current editor in chief W.K. Alfred Yung, *Neuro-Oncology* is now internationally recognized as not only the leading journal in the area of

brain tumors, but as one of the most respected and cited journals in the entire field of oncology.



Of course, a recounting of SNO's history would not be complete without recognizing the many volunteer leaders and supporters who have played a critical role in our Society's growth. Thanks to the combined efforts of our members, officers, partner organizations and administrative staff, SNO has

clearly become an effective catalyst for multidisciplinary communication and global exchange in the fight against neurological malignancies. The commemorative brochure will be available at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Montreal and via download on the SNO website.

The Victor Levin Award and Lecture in Neuro-Oncology Research

A new award, the Victor Levin Award and Lecture in Neuro-Oncology Research, was appropriately launched in our 15th anniversary year. Named in honor of SNO's founder, Dr. Victor Levin, this award will be given each year to an individual with a commitment to the field of neuro-oncology who has demonstrated leadership and, through scientific innovation, has made extraordinary achievements in neuro-oncology research. The award is open to all SNO members, from all disciplines and in any stage of their professional career. The Victor Levin Award winner will present at the SNO Annual Meeting and will receive \$5000 drawn from the Victor Levin Founders Society Fund. The inaugural recipient of this honor is Abhijit Guha, who will present a talk entitled *Perspectives from a Neuro-Oncology Clinician-Scientist and a Cancer Patient* at the 2010 Annual SNO Meeting in Montreal.

ENCOURAGING PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE

SNO Initiatives

In an on-going effort to add value to membership in our Society, SNO strives to serve as a platform for communication and exchange that will further our mission to promote neuro-oncology education. In addition to long-standing initiatives such as the Neuro-Tumor Dinner Meeting, the Society is involved in several important initiatives that will help our members to better meet the challenges faced by our increasingly complete area of medicine. These initiatives are described below.

Pediatric Basic and Translational Research Conference

With the generous support of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, SNO announced that it will be organizing a Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Basic and Translational Research Conference which is scheduled to take place May 18-19, 2011, at the Loews Hotel in New Orleans. This event will encourage the sharing of ideas and results, foster new collaborations, and will offer attendees a state-of-the-art update in the field of pediatric brain tumor research. To this end, a Scientific Program Committee, chaired by James Rutka, has been formed to create a highly informative and educational program. The program will feature popular and informative plenary sessions and informal poster sessions, as well as "Meet the Expert Sunrise Sessions", at which attendees can catch up with emerging areas of research and controversies in the field. Looking ahead, SNO will be exploring other boutique type meetings where there exists an unmet need for professional education.

Neuro-Tumor Club Dinner Meeting

As in years past, in 2010 SNO again organized the Neuro-Tumor Dinner Meeting which was held in conjunction with the AACR Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, on March 19th. This popular event, now in its 13th year, offers attendees with an informal yet stimulating exchange of late-breaking findings of specific and focused interest to investigators dedicated to brain tumor laboratory research. For the 2010 event, over forty submitted abstracts were received of uniformly high quality, a significant increase in submissions over the 2009 meeting. Reducing the top scoring abstracts to fill the only 14

available platform slots was difficult given the standard of the submissions; however meeting organizers Russell Lonser and John Park assembled an excellent program that well represented a broad range of important topics and themes.

Improved Website Presence

Officially launched during the 2010 fiscal year, the redeveloped SNO website represents a significant improvement in the way our members interact with the administrative office. This initiative, led by website committee chair Erik Sulman, has allowed SNO to bring in-house the functions of meeting registration and membership fulfillment.

International Outreach

Under the guidance of Jonathan Finlay and Eric Bouffet, the SNO International Outreach Committee continues to work towards improving the management of patients with brain cancer world-wide. Through our publishing relationship with Oxford University Press, *Neuro-Oncology*, the official journal of SNO, participates in several initiatives that make the publication available at a significant discount, and in some instances at no cost, to qualifying institutions in developing nations. In addition, travel scholarships have been awarded to physicians and scientists from low income countries to attend and participate in the annual SNO meeting. Since 2008, scholarships have been awarded to physicians from 12 different countries. And, with generous funding from the American Brain Tumor Association and EMD Serono, a specific fellowship fund to support the advanced training of physician/scientists from developing countries has been established. After a competitive review of many applications, Dr. Yi Lin of China was selected as the first recipient of the SNO International Outreach Research Fellowship. The second funding cycle is currently underway, and the next recipient will be announced by the end of 2010.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE JOURNAL

Neuro-Oncology

Neuro-Oncology has made major strides this year in helping SNO meet its goal of advancing multidisciplinary research and education in the field of neuro-oncology. As announced in 2009, this year *Neuro-Oncology* began to be published monthly by Oxford University Press with about 1600 pages of text in about 125 scientific articles, up from 71 articles in 2009 and 46 in 2007, when the journal's current editorial team was assembled. The focus has clearly been on growing the journal to meet the needs of its diverse readership and on ensuring it has the ability to reach into libraries and institutions worldwide.

Submissions

The journal does not consider that growth is an appropriate substitute for high quality, however. So as *Neuro-Oncology* moved from bimonthly to monthly publication (the second doubling of publication frequency in 3 years), it worked hard to maintain its predominance in the field in terms of metrics that reflect real impact. The first of these metrics--the number of research papers submitted to the journal and acted on by the editors and reviewers (Table 1)--reflects authors' eagerness to be published in the journal.

Relative to 2007, Editor-in-Chief W. K. Alfred Yung, SNO Executive Editor C. David James, EANO Executive Editor Michael Weller, and JSNO Executive Editor Ryo Nishikawa will have acted on about 55% more papers by the end of 2010 (it should be noted that in all the years shown here, the final number of papers has exceeded projections made at about this time). They were aided in this effort by some 200 reviewers, a number that also necessarily continues to grow (and to reflect a more widespread geographic dispersion). The high level of service and scrutiny these reviewers and editors provide is of paramount importance to maintaining the journal's quality, and it shows in not only the number of submissions but also another metric of interest: the impact factor.

Impact Factor

Neuro-Oncology's impact factor number (published annually by Thomson Scientific in the Journal *Citation Reports*) demonstrates superb stability of editorial quality during this recent period of rapid and marked change. The 2009 Impact Factor of 4.984 is marginally lower than the 2008 number (5.000), showing that the rate at which *Neuro-Oncology* articles are cited has been maintained, even as the number of articles published has risen dramatically. *Neuro-Oncology's* 2009 rankings place it in the top 20% of both oncology journals (where it is ranked 26th of 165 journals) and clinical neurology titles (where it is 17th of 167 journals). Table 2 summarizes *Neuro-Oncology's* impact factor numbers and rankings over the last 4 years.

| Type of manuscript | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 through Sept. 30 (projected end of year) |
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| New | 285 | 373 | 455 | 297 (396) |
| Revised | 68 | 116 | 121 | 112 (149) |

Table 1. Submissions of new and revised manuscripts to *Neuro-Oncology*

| Year | Impact Factor | Ranking Among Oncology Titles | Ranking Among Clinical Neurology Titles |
|------|---------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 2009 | 4.984 | 26th of 165 | 17th of 167 |
| 2008 | 5.000 | 25th of 141 | 15th of 156 |
| 2007 | 5.806 | 16th of 132 | 6th of 146 |
| 2006 | 4.939 | 23rd of 127 | 14th of 146 |

Table 2. Journal performance: 2006-2009

Special Publications

In a break from previous years, most collections of abstracts from major meetings (that is, those for the 2010 Meeting of the British Neuro-Oncology Society, the 9th Meeting of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology, and the 15th Annual Meeting of SNO) were published as separate supplements to the journal in 2010; the only exception to this practice was the abstracts for the 14th International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology, which appeared as a special section within the June issue.

These meetings represent the pinnacle events in the neuro-oncology community, and their published abstracts receive high levels of readership throughout the year. The journal's goal is to particularly highlight the content of these meetings by giving them their own, unique identity while acknowledging their importance to *Neuro-Oncology*. Moving forward, the journal plans to explore other meetings, symposia, and special publications of interest to its readers, thereby expanding its reach and influence.

Peer & Statistical Reviewers: *Neuro-Oncology*

Neuro-Oncology is indebted to the tireless members of its editorial board (whose names appear in every issue of the journal) and other peer reviewers, all of whom have helped it reach and maintain its enviable position. This list shows those reviewers who had agreed to conduct manuscript reviews as of Sept. 30. We apologize for any inadvertent omissions.

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| Francis Ali-Osman | Felice Giangaspero | Sean Edward Lawler | Jaap C. Reijneveld |
| Terri S. Armstrong | Caterina Giannini | Florence Lefranc | Keith M. Rich |
| Joachim M. Baehring | Richard J. Gilbertson | Pedro Lowenstein | Lucy B. Rorke-Adams |
| Anu Banerjee | Candelaria Gomez-Manzano | Lorenzo Magrassi | David Schiff |
| Ute Bartels | Vidya Gopalakrishnan | Anita Mahajan | Davide Schiffer |
| Jaclyn A. Biegel | Morris D. Groves | Ian E. McCutcheon | Juergen Schlegel |
| William J. Bodell | Nalin Gupta | Alex McMillan | S. Clifford Schold, Jr. |
| Wolfgang Bohn | Daphne A. Haas-Kogan | Kazuhiko Mishima | John R. Silber |
| Abraham Boskovitz | John W. Henson | Duane A Mitchell | Walter Stummer |
| Nicholas Butowski | Kenneth Robert Hess | Sabine Mueller | Michael E. Sughrue |
| Dan Cahill | Khê Hoang-Xuan | Edward Neuwelt | Erik Sulman |
| Carmine M. Carapella | Peter D. Inskip | Theo Nicolaidis | Shingo Takano |
| Robert Craig Castellino | Yasuo Iwadate | Hideho Okada | Tomoki Todo |
| Marc C. Chamberlain | Fabio M. Iwamoto | Jorn Olsen | Ivo W. Tremont-Lukats |
| Jennifer Clarke | Randy Jensen | Andrew T. Parsa | Charles J. Vecht |
| Kenneth J. Cohen | Richard S. Kaplan | Giorgio Perilongo | Joe Wiemels |
| Howard Colman | Santosh Kesari | Arie Perry | Thomas Wurdinger |
| Bradley J. Erickson | Christof Maria Kramm | Claudia Petritsch | Hai Yan |
| Graziella Filippini | Albert Lai | Stefan Pfister | Seiichi Yoshida |
| Paul Graham Fisher | Lawrence Lamb | Vinay K Puduvalli | David Zagzag |
| Peter A. Forsyth | Joseph C. Landolfi | Jeremy Rees | |

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Financial Information

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

As of the printing of this Annual Report, the financial statements of Society for Neuro-Oncology for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, were in the process of being audited by an independent CPA firm. Once the audit is complete, the financial statements and Independent Auditor's Report will be posted at www.soc-neuro-onc.org.

The following preliminary financial highlights are presented by management of Society for Neuro-Oncology as of June 30, 2009:

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|---|----------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 378,000. |
| Investments | 582,000. |
| Contributions receivable | 33,000. |
| Endowment assets | 105,000. |
| Total assets | \$ 1,098,000. |
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| Total Liabilities | \$ 715,000. |
| Net Assets | 383,000. |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 1,098,000. |

The following preliminary financial highlights are presented by management of Society for NeuroOncology for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009:

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| Total revenues and other support | \$ 1,191,000. |
| Total program and supporting service expenses | 1,066,000. |
| Net Income from Operations | \$ 125,000. |

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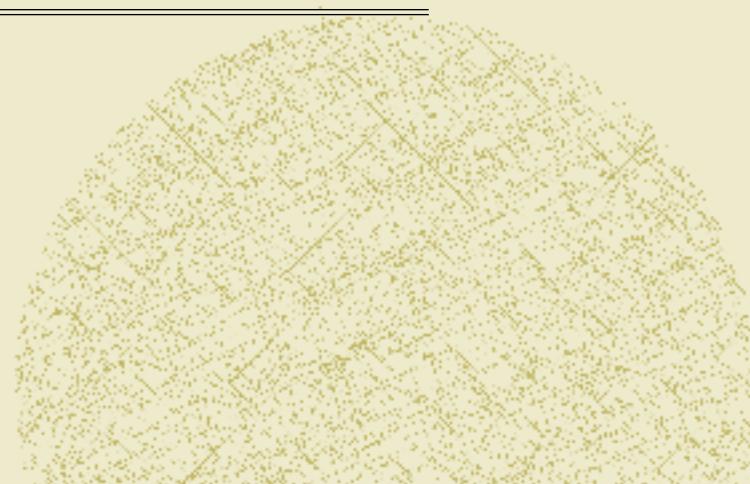
The following preliminary financial highlights are presented by management of Society for Neuro-Oncology as of June 30, 2010:

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 487,000. |
| Investments | 582,000. |
| Contributions receivable | 85,000. |
| Endowment assets | 121,000. |
| Total assets | \$ 1,275,000. |
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| Total Liabilities | \$ 536,000. |
| Net Assets | 739,000. |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 1,275,000. |

The following preliminary financial highlights are presented by management of Society for NeuroOncology for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010:

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| Total revenues and other support | \$ 1,204,000. |
| Total program and supporting service expenses ¹ | 847,000. |
| Net Income/(Loss) from Operations | \$ 357,000. |

¹Excludes favorable credit resulting from prior year publishing partner change.



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Chair: Gene Barnett

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The Awards Committee consists of the Chair, the Scientific Program Chair and other SNO members who develop criteria for meeting awards, annually review meeting award candidates, and forward to the Board a list of awards and award recipients to be honored at the Annual Meeting.

Chair: Kenneth Aldape

Bylaws Committee

The Bylaws Committee is made up of the Chair, the Secretary/Treasurer (ex officio) and two other members who review the Bylaws annually and make recommendations for revision as necessary. Members of this committee shall review any proposed changes and advise the Board of Directors on proposed revisions.

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The Communications Committee consists of the Chair, the Secretary/Treasurer (ex officio) and other members who are responsible for the news section of the Society's official journal and the Society's newsletter, and have the responsibility of advising the Board of Directors on the Society's internal and external communications.

Chair: Daniel Cahill

Future Sites Committee

The Future Sites Committee consists of the Chair, a previous Chair of the Annual Meeting Committee and two other members who review potential sites and hotel proposals for future meetings, evaluate size and appropriateness of meeting space, availability and quality of sleeping rooms, proposed room rates, and recommends to the Board the most appropriate venue.

Chair: Lynn Ashby

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The International Outreach Committee is made up of the Chair and other representative international members recommended by the Chair or President, as approved by the Board of Directors. The committee shall have the responsibility of advising and making recommendations to the Board of Directors on international affairs, promoting international membership, and shall develop the criteria and review candidates for SNO international outreach travel grants and fellowships.

Chair: Jonathan Finlay, Co-chair: Eric Bouffet

Meeting Committee

The Annual Meeting Committee consists of a Scientific Program Chair, Education Day Chair, the immediate past Chairs of the Annual Meeting Committee and other members representing each of the SNO specialty areas who shall supervise and coordinate all aspects of the next SNO Scientific Meeting and Education Day.

Chair: Kenneth Aldape

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee consists of the Chair and four other members who make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning efforts to promote and increase membership in the Society. They also review and vote on all applicants for membership and shall evaluate a member's professional conduct as requested by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Chair: Gregory Foltz

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consists of the following members: the past President (Chair), the President, the Vice-President, and two members chosen by the non-officer members of the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee presents to the Secretary-Treasurer candidates for the Board of Directors or for election to offices of SNO by June 1 each year.

Website Committee

The Website Committee consists of the Chair and other members who shall have the responsibility of coordinating and overseeing the Society's official website.

Chair: Erik Sulman

Young Investigators Committee

The Young Investigators Committee is made up of the Chair and other members who have the responsibility of advising the Board of Directors on issues pertaining to graduate students, residents, fellows and members within the first five years of their initial clinical or academic appointment. The Young Investigators Committee also has the responsibility of coordinating the SNO Grant Review initiative.

Chair: Michael Taylor

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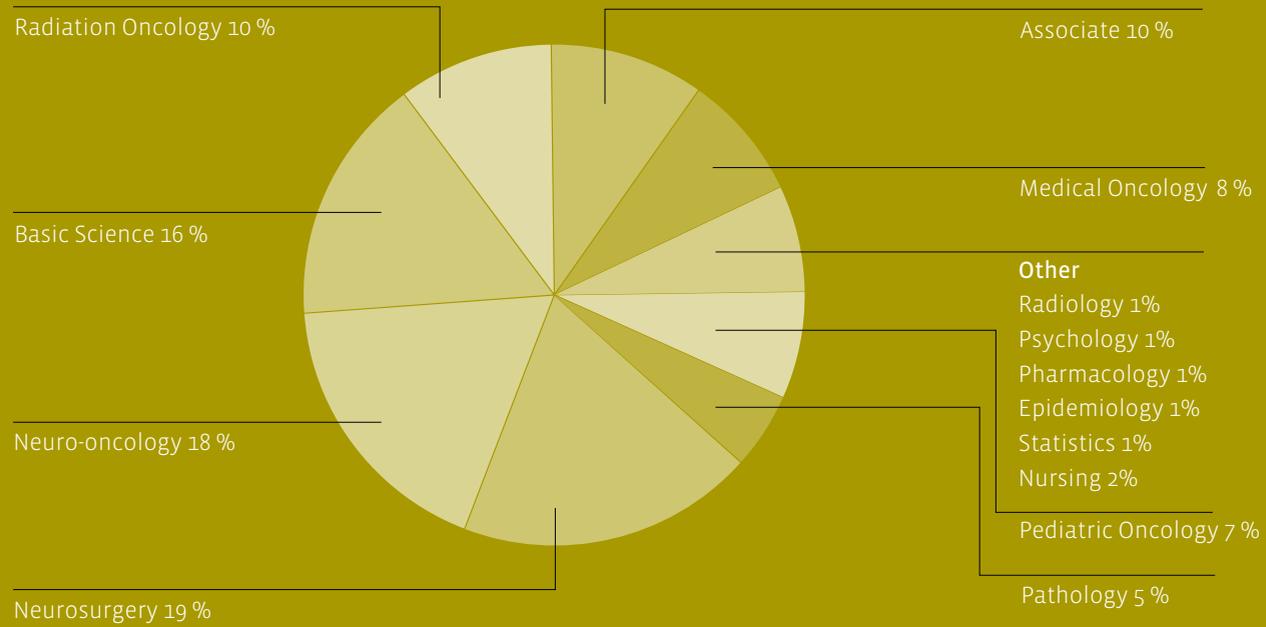
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SNO fosters multidisciplinary neuro-oncology research and education to improve patient outcomes.

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