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REPORT SIOG NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (NR)

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**FUNCTIONS & PROJECTS**

* Chair of the *Geriatric Oncology* group of the Austrian Society for Haematology and Oncology (2007- )
* **Education** 
  + **Lecture for medical students „Geriatrische Onkologie“ (Geriatric Oncology) Medical University, Innsbruck**
  + Organisation of and lectures on **Geriatric Oncology/Hematology at the congresses of the Austrian, German and Swiss Societies of Hematology and Oncology and in several scientific meetings**
* **Chair of “Senioren-Krebshilfe” (Senior Cancer Aid), which was founded in 2009.** 
  + **Aims are to increase public awareness and to promote lobbying and fundraising to improve prevention, diagnosis, therapy and basic research in elder cancer patients (**[www.senioren-krebshilfe.at](http://www.senioren-krebshilfe.at)**).**
  + **A program for anemia screening at senior fairs was performed in 203 and 2014.**
  + **A program to integrate laughter therapy in the treatment of elderly cancer patients has been started at senior fair Innsbruck, Austria in November 2014. In 2015 six laughter yoga sessions are performed. The program will be continued in 2016.**
* **ESMO Faculty Member of Educational Committe group Elderly**
* Chair of working group "Gerontoonkologie" (Geronto-Oncology) of the Austrian Society for Geriatrics and Gerontology (ÖGGG) since 2011

**Main focus in 2015 was the integration of concepts of geriatric oncology in hematological organizations:**

* Founding member of the **Scientific Working Group of the European Hematology Association (EHA) on «Aging and Hematology»** Chair: D Bron; committee includes: D Bron, P Fenaux, T Fulop, V Goede, R Stauder.
  + First EHA-SWG Scientific Meeting: Aging and Hematology: the next questions… was organized in May 8-9, 2015, Lisbon, Portugal
  + Second EHA-SWG Scientific Meeting will take place in April /May 2017
  + A scientific workshop with PhDs & PHD students active in the field is being organized for Sept 2016
* International member **American Society of Hematology (ASH) Hematology and Aging Special Interest Group**
  + First Scientific Workshop Dec 5th 2014, at ASH annual meeting New Orleans
  + First Workshop on Hematology and Aging, ASH Annual Meeting, Orlando: Highlighting Novel Science and Developing a Research Agenda, Friday, December 4, 2015, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Workshop Planning Committee: Heidi D. Klepin MD, Andy Artz MD, Rebecca Olin MD, Arati Rao MD, Ashley Rosko MD, Reinhard Stauder MD, and Tanya Wildes MD.
  + Second workshop will take place at ASH annual meeting in Orlando, Friday, December 4, 2015, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
* **Chair of SIOG task force “CLL in the elderly”**
  + First meeting in Paris, 11.-12. 1. 2015,
  + Work on SIOG-recommendations, 1.2015-
* Participation in **ESMO consensus conference on Malignant Lymphomas in Lugano, June 20th, 2015**

**CHALLENGES / FUTURE**

* **Support and initiate grant applications in the field of geriatric oncology / hematology**
* **Motivate more Austrian colleagues to become SIOG-members**
* **Improve cooperation with basic researchers and initiate joint projects**

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