



About ESMO

The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) is the leading European professional organization committed to advancing the specialty of medical oncology and promoting a multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment and care.

ESMO's mission is to advance cancer care and cure through fostering and disseminating good science that leads to better medicine and determines best practice. In this way ESMO fulfils its goal to support oncology professionals in providing people with cancer with the most effective treatments available and the high-quality care they deserve.

The ESMO community is a powerful alliance of more than 6,000 committed oncology professionals from over 100 countries. As a trusted organization with 35 years of experience and over 500 expert officers, ESMO serves its members and the oncology community through: a brand of excellence in post-graduate oncology education and training; leadership in transforming evidence-based research into standards of cancer care in Europe; dedicated efforts to foster a more favorable environment for scientific research; innovative international platforms to share expertise, best practices and disseminate the most up-to-date scientific research to as wide an audience as possible.

ESMO's scientific journal, *Annals of Oncology*, ranks among the top clinical oncology journals worldwide. ESMO events are the meeting place in Europe for medical oncologists to update their knowledge, to network and to exchange ideas.

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David Kerr has been given a 5 year leave of absence from the University of Oxford to become the Chief Scientist for SIDRA, an academic Health Science Centre (www.sidra.org) endowed with \$ 8 billion. From there, he plans to attract an internationally competitive biomedical research faculty, who will allow SIDRA to contribute to improving Global Health. He has been appointed to the Supreme Council of Health, effectively Qatar's Health cabinet, practises medicine in the Al Amal Cancer Hospital and contributes to Oxford as Professor of Cancer Medicine, where he has worked with colleagues to build a new Institute for Cancer Medicine and Cancer Hospital.

He has an international reputation for the treatment of and research into colorectal cancer, and is developing new approaches to cancer treatment which involve novel biomarkers and inhibitors of key biochemical pathways. The quality of his work has been recognised by the award of several international prizes and the first NHS Nye-Bevan award for innovation. He has published more than 350 articles in peer-reviewed journals (including New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, Nature Genetics) and has contributed to many books on cancer.

David has made a significant contribution to reforming the NHS as a Founding Commissioner for Health Improvement; Chair of the National Cancer Services Collaborative, Instigator of the Department of Health's networked approach to clinical cancer research and developed a 20 year plan for the future of the NHS in Scotland, the "Kerr Report".

He was Editor-in-Chief of Annals of Oncology, Europe's premier medical oncology journal Reviews Oncology (2001-2008), and is on the editorial board of several other journals.

He has established a series of major international collaborations, establishing a trials network with India's leading cancer centres INDOX (<http://www.indox.org.uk/>) and AfrOx (<http://www.afrox.org>), which aims to improve the delivery of cancer care in Sub Saharan Africa.

He was elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2000, Honorary Fellow of Royal College of General Practitioners in 2007, appointed Commander of the British Empire in 2002 and was appointed President of the European Society of Medical Oncology in 2010.

**Professor Roberto Labianca, MD, Italy
ESMO Representative to World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer Scientific Committee**

Education

- **Degrees:** Degree in Medicine and Surgery on 1975
- **Specialization:** Specialization in Medical Oncology on June 1978; specialization in Allergology and Clinical Immunology on July 1981

Professional Experience

- Director, Department of Hematology and Oncology – Ospedali Riuniti di Bergamo, Italy

- Responsible of the Group on Gastrointestinal Cancer of Medical Oncology Department S. Carlo Borromeo Hospital (Milan) (1995-1997)
- Deputy Director of Medical Oncology Department S. Carlo Borromeo Hospital (1988-1997)
- Assistant of Medical Oncology Department S. Carlo Borromeo Hospital (1980-1988)
- Research fellow of Medical Oncology Department S. Carlo Borromeo Hospital (1975-1980)

Special Recognition

- **Committee member:** GISCAD (Gruppo Italiano per lo studio dei Carcinomi dell'Apparato Digerente), Scientific Secretary from 1990; ITMO (Italian Trials in Medical Oncology), Member of National Executive Council from 1991; GIVIO (Gruppo Italiano per la valutazione degli interventi in Oncologia) from 1989; EORTC (European Organization for the Research and Treatment of Cancer) as Active Member of Gastrointestinal Cooperative Group from 1987; GITCLO (Gastrointestinal Tumour Cooperative Groups Liaison Office) as national representative for Italy from 1995; IWGCRC (International Working Group for Colorectal Cancer) from 1995
- **Membership in Scientific Societies:**
 - AIOM (Associazione Italiana di Oncologia Medica)
 - Foundation President (2005-2007)
 - President (2003-2005)
 - National Treasurer (1999-2001)
 - National Secretary (1995-1999)
 - National Councillor (1993-1995)
 - Co-ordinator in Lombardia (1989/1993)
 - Regional Councillor (1986-1988)
 - CIOM (Collegio Italiano degli Oncologi Medici) from 1985
 - SIC (Società Italiana di Cancerologia) from 1984
 - ESMO (European Society for Medical Oncology):
 - National Representative for Italy (1994-1997)
 - Medical Oncology Status in Europe Survey (MOSES) Task Force Chair (2003-today)
 - ASCO (American Society of Clinical Oncology) from 1994
 - MASCC (Multinational Association for Supportive Care of Cancer) from 1994
 - SICP (Società Italiana di Cure Palliative) from 1989
 - EAPC (European Association of Palliative Care) from 1992
 - SITILLO (Società Italiana per le Terapie Integrate Locoregionali in Oncologia) from 1995
- **Editorial Board:** Tumori, Quaderni Cure Palliative, Progress in Colorectal Cancer, Tekve (Update in Oncology and Hematology), Annals of Oncology, Journal of Chemotherapy