



Presidential Vision – Andrés Cervantes

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Presidential Mission

ESMO as a professional society should focus on the best interest of its members, facilitating their access to the highest quality education, making possible their full career development as dedicated professionals as well as individuals, to allow them to serve cancer patients at the higher quality standard.

Presidential Vision

I started my commitment with ESMO almost 20 years ago, when I was invited to become a member of the Educational committee. Since then I have served in different committees and working groups within the Educational area. Moreover, in 2016, I had the incredible task of being scientific committee chair of the ESMO Copenhagen congress. ESMO is a consolidated platform and a worldwide forum, where we could guarantee people involved in clinical and translational science that their findings could be properly communicated to a large community of Oncology professionals. This opportunity reinforced my vision of the leading role ESMO has to accomplish as a global society. Having contributed to this outcome makes me feel proud of my dedication in a team effort to make ESMO advance.

During the last years, I also have been witnessing the incredible expansion of ESMO as a worldwide, leading professional organization, growing across Oncology and surpassing by large the initial aim of reaching 20.000 members in 2020. ESMO needs a strong leadership and a clear vision to increase its influence in the Oncology world. We should direct our efforts to have a strong voice in Oncology, to extend our membership worldwide, getting closer to our members and all the national societies.

ESMO needs to work with other international oncology societies opening a space of debate and cooperation, reinforcing multidisciplinary, with the common goal of improving outcomes for cancer patients. We have many challenges to address: access to cancer medicines, implementation of precision oncology, inequalities in cancer care, driving big data at the European level and facing a flexible education program for young and practicing oncologists, among others.

I believe in moving our Society forward as the reference Oncology Society worldwide and across different specialties and key stakeholders, for the best of our cancer patients.



The growth of ESMO as a global Cancer society has been outstanding in the last years and I think is important to reinforce and consolidate this leadership position.

Education is critical and has been one of my passions in life together with clinical medicine. My experience as a Medical Oncology professional helps me in detecting the challenges faced by our members in a rapidly moving field. The era of precision medicine in oncology undoubtedly brings excitement and fresh hope for our patients, but with it come many yet unanswered questions as to how we move forward, without the real risk of burnout of those who treat them -- particularly the up-and-coming generation of young oncologists, the future of our practice. Education aims at modifying our behaviour, adapting to the new challenges derived from recent research and knowledge and pushing to implement these new advances into the clinical practice.

Our Society also has a critical role in the future shaping of Public Policy for Cancer. ESMO has proven to have a powerful voice at EU level and must continue to represent medical oncologists to ensure that cancer patients in Europe will have equal access to optimal diagnostic procedures, anti-cancer therapies, cancer care and palliative services. Ensuring the sustainability of cancer care is also essential to guarantee equal access for a good quality of cancer care and for cancer prevention.

For all these reasons, provided my expertise, knowledge and dedication to work within ESMO, and being involved, at least partially, as an actor in the described process of ESMO growth and global recognition as a leading global society, it is my will to further serve ESMO as future president.

Presidential Programme

- Promote education at different levels and through different channels to get closer to our members, understanding their needs and the challenges derived from the implementation of recent developments in Oncology, paying attention to different settings and geographical locations, making for all of them ESMO as the voice and strength of education.
- Consolidate ESMO as a global reference society, improving the interaction with our members beyond Europe, with a strong membership program and activities adapted to the membership needs, promoting education and equal access to optimal cancer care as the cornerstone of ESMO foundation.



- Maintain ESMO as a leading society in the search of the best public policy to create the best conditions to facilitate and promote the sustainability of a health care system aiming at universal and equal access for all cancer patients.
- Foster a loyal, fruitful and faithful cooperation with other cancer societies and international bodies joining efforts for an optimal integrative multidisciplinary approach for cancer prevention and patient care.
- Promote professional careers of young talented oncologists, who will be our leaders in the future, by increasing grant opportunities and taking into account gender balance through all ESMO activities and structures.

Comprehensive list of current and past positions within ESMO:

- Member of the Educational Committee since 2000
- CME and E-Learning Working Group Chair, 2004-2006
- ESMO Guidelines Subject Editor for GI Cancer, 2006-2010
- ESMO Executive Board Member since 2011
- ESMO Guidelines Committee Chair 2011-2014
- Associate Editor of Annals of Oncology since 2014
- Scientific Chair for the ESMO Congress in 2014
- ESMO Educational Committee Chair 2015-2019
- ESMO Director of Education 2019
- ESMO Council Member 2019

Comprehensive list of current and past positions as an employee, officer or in a body of a company, society, foundation, charity or organisation, paid or not, outside ESMO:

- Resident in Medical Oncology at the University Hospital Valencia 1982-1986
- Consultant in Medical Oncology at the General Hospital Alicante 1987-1988
- Consultant in Medical Oncology at the University Hospital Valencia 1988-1991
- Head of Medical Oncology section at the University Hospital Valencia 2004-2014
- Head of Medical Oncology department at the University Hospital Valencia 2014-current position
- Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Valencia 1992-2017
- Professor of Medicine at the University of Valencia 2017-current position