EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF ONCOLOGY PHARMACY

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Dear members and friends,

When we were founded in Prague in May 2000, we hoped to contribute to a great global development of cooperation in oncology pharmacy.

Unfortunately, the small majority in the ISOPP, which was then made up by a few countries, voted against allowing regional issues to flow more into society. The course was set to regard only specialists as actors and all others as additional members without influence. This hurt me a lot, especially as the outgoing first elected President, because our motto at the beginning was: "Unity in diversity".

This also meant that the ISOPP was more oriented towards the interests of financially strong sponsors and their issues, whereas the ESOP wanted to give members in the EU as well as around the world the opportunity to find common answers for daily practice issues. For this purpose, the "Quality Standard for Oncology Pharmacy Service" (QuapoS) introduced by the DGOP was then developed jointly by all members from all countries at regular intervals and is now used in many countries around the world as a guideline for answering questions about dealing with oncology drug issues.

As early as 2005, the number of members grew so strongly that it was decided to allow national associations that deal with oncology pharmacy to register their members as members of the ESOP, with the stipulation that common goals of the ESOP can be implemented regionally better and more sustainably.

This means that countries that are too small or that are unable to found their own oncology pharmacy society for other reasons still have the option of naming a regional contact person.

The activities in oncology pharmacy, which initially extended to therapy in clinics, have continued to develop. This is not only reflected in the position paper "High Standards of Oncology Pharmacy" (https://esop.li/?s=high), but also in the orientation of the QuapoS from manufacturing to patient-related pharmacy.

ESOP members support cancer patients in community pharmacies, outpatient departments and clinics. Colleagues in licensing authorities, supervisory offices and administrations are confronted with questions that deal with treatment but above all with prevention and pharmaceutical care. They all found a home in ESOP.

In 62 countries around the world, colleagues are proud to contribute to better support for cancer patients as ESOP members and thus to make everyone aware of the role of our profession.

Data protection plays a major role for us. Members are continuously addressed through newsletters or letters for as long as they want. Information about individuals is never passed on to external interests or sponsors. We protect you from unauthorized access as far as we can and continue to count on your unconditional support.

Yours

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