The Euro-Arab School of oncology in the Mena region (Middle East & North Africa)

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THE EURO-ARAB SCHOOL OF ONCOLOGY (EASO)

A Euro-Arab collaborative programme in cancer medicine, nursing, advocacy and media
THE EURO-ARAB SCHOOL OF ONCOLOGY

1. The History of EASO and the Arab world
2. Objectives
3. Activities
The Arab World

• 22 countries
• Geography of the region
• Population and races
Cancer Incidence in the Arab world
Incidence of common solid malignancies in some Arab Countries

Frequency of Breast Cancer in Arab World (Females)

Frequency of Colorectal Cancer in Arab World

Frequency of Liver Cancer in Arab World

Frequency of Lung Cancer in Arab World

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(El Attar I., NCI2005)
The Euro-Arab School of Oncology, was established in 2005 in Cairo and Milan, as an evolution of the positive collaboration between the European School of Oncology (ESO) and the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population. Thereafter, collaboration was established with AMAAC.
EASO: THE OBJECTIVES

• To foster a process of cross-fertilization between the Arab and the European medical knowledge in the field of cancer.

• To encourage networking among the Arab countries and original research in cancer medicine, more tailored to the local reality.

• To expose European oncologists to new clinical situations and research issues.
EASO: THE EVOLUTION

- Started as a collaboration between the European School of Oncology of Milan (ESO) and the Ministry of Health and Population in Cairo, supported by National Cancer Institute and Cairo University, as of 2013 EASO will be structured to be a joint initiative between ESO and AMAAC.
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Clinical Masterclass
- Courses and seminars
- Sessions in scientific conferences
- Other Educational Projects (prostate cancer and palliative care projects)
- Fellowship programs
- The EASO Media project
EASO ACTIVITIES 2006-2013

2006:
• Course on Advances in Clinical Oncology, Cairo

2007:
• 1st Masterclass in Clinical Oncology, Cairo
• EASO Day on Colorectal Cancer, Alexandria
EASO ACTIVITIES

2008:

- 2nd Masterclass in Clinical Oncology, Cairo
- Course on Lung Cancer and Mesothelioma, Damascus

2009:

- EASO Day on Lymphoma, Alexandria
- 1st Educational Workshop on Breast Reconstructive Surgery, Cairo
- EASO session on Breast Cancer in Young Women during 9th Pan Arab Cancer Congress, Cairo
- Course on Urogenital Cancers, Amman

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EASO ACTIVITIES

2010:
• 2nd Educational Workshop on Breast Reconstructive Surgery, Cairo
• EASO session on Breast Cancer during the 10th EGSSO, Hurghada
• EASO Session on Colorectal and Gastric Cancer, Algiers
  (during 10th Pan Arab Cancer Congress)
• EASO session on Gynaecological Oncology, Khartoum

2011:
• 2nd Educational Workshop on Breast Reconstructive Surgery, Cairo
• EASO session on Oncohematology during AORTIC Conference, Cairo
• EASO Session on Cancer and Pregnancy, Casablanca
• 3rd EASO Masterclass in Clinical Oncology, Amman
  (jointly organised with AMAAC)

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EASO ACTIVITIES

2012:
• 4th Educational Workshop on Breast Reconstructive Surgery, Cairo
• EASO Session on Locoregional Management of Liver Metastases, Tunis (during 12th Pan Arab Cancer Congress)
• 1st EASO Red Sea Seminar in Clinical Oncology, Ain Sokhna

2013:
• 4th EASO Masterclass in Clinical Oncology, Amman
• EASO session to be decided during 13th Pan Arab Cancer Congress, Amman
• EASO course on Paediatric Oncology, Cairo
• EASO course on Colorectal Cancer, Cairo
• EASO Seminar on Prostate Cancer, Morocco
CORE ACTIVITIES

1. Masterclass in Clinical Oncology
2. Educational Workshop on Breast Reconstructive Surgery
EASO Masterclass in Clinical Oncology
2007-2008-2011
Statistics
Participants

- Arab Countries
- Non-Arab

- 2007: 5 Arab, 3 Non-Arab
- 2008: 13 Arab, 4 Non-Arab
- 2011: 15 Arab, 2 Non-Arab

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**2007 Cairo**
- Egypt: 14
- Libya: 8
- Sudan: 2
- Iraq: 2
- Saudi Arabia: 1

**2008 Cairo**
- Egypt: 13
- Libya: 3
- Palestine: 2
- Sudan: 2
- Jordan: 1
- Kuwait: 1
- Lebanon: 1
- Oman: 1
- Syria: 1
- Tunisia: 1
- UAE: 1
- Yemen: 1

**2011 Amman**
- Egypt: 12
- Jordan: 12
- Algeria: 8
- Palestine: 5
- Sudan: 4
- Syria: 4
- Iraq: 4
- Lebanon: 3
- Kuwait: 1
- Oman: 3
- Bahrain: 3
- UAE: 2
- Morocco: 2
- Tunisia: 1
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*Turkey 2
Nigeria 1*
Participants specialties

- Medical Oncologists
- Clinical Oncologists
- Radiation Oncologists
- Surgeons
- Others

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Educational Workshop on Breast Reconstructive Surgery
2009 to 2012
Statistics

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• 4 Consecutive workshops
Design

- Based on live surgery and presentations
- Aiming for breast, general and plastic surgeons
- International faculty
- Tumor board
- Case presentations
- Best case presentation prize

Participants

- 85 in 2009
- 115 in 2010
- 135 in 2011
- 232 in 2012
Objectives

• To promote surgical management of breast cancer in the region

• To introduce new surgical techniques for better quality of service for our breast cancer patients

• To better educate and teach younger surgeons on fundamentals of breast surgery
Objectives

Surgeons were urged to present cases which allowed:

- Interactive discussions
- Presentation skills
- Best case presentation prize: 1 month sponsorship in European breast cancer center
EASO: THE PROJECTS

Prostate Cancer Project in the MENA region (with the support of Sanofi Oncology)

Started in March 2011 - Duration: 3 years

- To promote education in prostate cancer in the Arab speaking countries (pilot countries: TU, ALG, EGY, LB, KSA, UAE)
- To promote the collaboration among the different specialists and professionals involved in prostate cancer care
- To promote the multidisciplinary approach and management of prostate cancer patients in all stages of disease.

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Design

Multidisciplinary teaching team (Experts)

Clinical case discussion:
- Real scenario
- Interactive discussion
- Evidence-based management

40-50 participants:
- Different specialties

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Palliative Care Project in Egypt (supported by NCI and WHO/EMRO OFFICE)

To be extended to MENA region - Expected duration: 3 years

- Three urgent needs:
  1) an infrastructure for hospital/hospice-at home care available;
  2) broad information of the population about availability of this infrastructure;
  3) training of the care-giving staff
THE EASO MEDIA PROJECT

The Goal: to increase local media awareness

Events:
Damascus, May 4, 2008
Cairo, November 26, 2008
The EASO Website

Frequent updates and information regarding EASO’s activities are available on EASO website

www.easoncology.net
Thank you