

**PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY  
EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE  
REPORT  
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# PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY PROGRAM

- Education and Training
- Clinical Trials
- Palliative Care

# EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Pediatric Oncology Training Programs
- Training Program for Iraq
- Fellowship Program
- Collaborative Efforts with other Oncology Groups
- Development of Educational Material

# PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY WORKSHOPS

- INCTR participated in 2 training workshops in 2006 - early 2007.

# PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY WORKSHOPS

- Larnaca, Cyprus      June 2006
- Workshop on Communication Skills in Pediatric Oncology
- In collaboration with MECC Palliative Care Program
- 60 participants from Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Turkey, Cyprus, Egypt, USA
- Palliative Care Manual
  - [INCTR clinical guidelines](#)

# MECC WORKSHOP

## Communication Skills



LARNACA, CYPRUS- 2006

# PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY WORKSHOPS

- Karachi, Pakistan                      January 2007
- Workshop on 'Introduction to Palliative Care in Pakistan'
- In collaboration with Pakistan Society for Pediatric Oncology
- Supported by OIA, NCI
- 67 participants from Pakistan, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, USA
  - Medical and pediatric oncologists, radiation oncologists, anesthesiologists, nurses, social workers, hospice
- Inauguration of Palliative Care Society of Pakistan

# INCTR/PSPO WORKSHOP

## Introduction to Palliative Care



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Palliative Care Society of Pakistan

# WORKSHOPS PLANNED FOR 2007 -2008

- With ASPHO                      Toronto                      May 2007  
– Symposium on Pediatric Oncology in Developing Countries
- With MECC                      Jerusalem                      April 2007  
– Palliative Care for Palestine
- With MECC                      Larnaca                      June 2007  
– Stress and burn-out in Oncology Caregivers
- With SKMCC                      Lahore                      November 2007  
– Bone Tumor Workshop

# TRAINING PROGRAM FOR IRAQ 2006

- Training of Iraqi Pediatric Oncologists
  - Program on hold
    - Uncertain situation in Iraq
- Working on short fellowships for Iraqi oncologists
  - Lombardi Cancer Center
  - St Judes Research Hospital
  - Other countries in Middle East
  - OIA, NCI, may provide partial support

# FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

- Pediatric Oncology Visiting Fellowship
- King Hussain Cancer Center, Jordan and Lombardi Cancer Center, USA
- 4 month program at Lombardi
  - Rotations in molecular diagnostics, cytogenetics, pathology, transfusion medicine, radiation oncology, hematology and oncology clinic
  - Active participation in all educational activities, including presentations at Tumor Board
  - 4 senior fellows from KHCC at Lombardi 2005 -06
- Curriculum for training being formally planned

# TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- Transfusion Medicine program
  - Special seminar at Annual Meeting in Sao Paolo
  - Introduction to curriculum for training
  - Transfusion Medicine Guidelines
  - Add members from Africa and Latin America to Working group
- Supportive Care Program
  - Guidelines for management of patients with cancer
  - Form working group at Annual meeting

# COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ONCOLOGY GROUPS

- Global Alliance for the Cure of Children's Cancer
  - Working Group to Explore Collaborative Efforts in Pediatric Oncology
  - LCC, Washington DC August 2005
  - COG, INCTR, NCI, CURE, ST JUDES
  - Share resources, avoid duplication of work in same country, apply for joint funding, joint educational activities
- Group to meet again in next 2 months
  - Pediatric Oncology Fellowship training curriculum
  - Visiting experts
  - Supportive Care
  - Texas Childrens Hospital interested in joining the group

# COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ONCOLOGY GROUPS

- MECC and INCTR
  - Joint Palliative Care initiative for the Middle East
  - Initiated June 2005
- Palliative Care Steering Committee formed
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Ankara, Turkey, April 2006
  - Workshop on Communication Skills, Larnaca, Cyprus, June 2006
  - Comprehensive Manual on Palliative care being developed
  - Next meeting in Larnaca, June 2007

# COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ONCOLOGY GROUPS

- INCTR and SIOP
  - Joint Wilm's tumor protocol for East Africa and Asia
  - Strategy group meeting in next couple of months in Brussels
  - Participation of Global Alliance
    - Experts, training, resources

# COLLABORATION WITH OTHER ONCOLOGY GROUPS

- INCTR AND APPNA
  - New alliance
  - Collaborative projects in Palliative Care in Pakistan
- Plan to use this model with other organizations for specific projects

# FUTURE PLANS

- Continue ongoing training programs
- Palliative Care Initiative
  - MECC, APPNA
- Supportive Care and Transfusion Medicine Training and Guidelines
- Curriculum for Fellowship Program in Oncology and Palliative Care
- Collaboration with SIOP
  - Wilm's tumor protocol in Africa and Asia