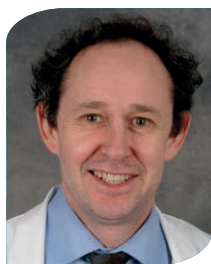




ESTRO Anniversary: EIOF ESTRO International Oncology Forum



Jean Bourhis
ESTRO President

↳ Interviews of Jean Bourhis, Chairperson of the Conference, President of ESTRO

To whom is EIOF dedicated?

The topics tackled are primarily dedicated to clinicians and really match their expectations of a conference that will keep their knowledge and practice up to date. But many sessions will also be of significant interest for medical physicists and RTTs, who will be on site anyway and will be able to find the tracks that are of interest to them to enrich their knowledge and practice. Many presentations will also be of interest of biologists, for example the talk on “Radiobiology and molecular response imaging in hypofractionation”, which will be given in the afternoon symposium on Tuesday 10 May; some proffered papers on molecular prediction in breast and in lung cancer: “Biological Prediction for Molecular Targeting in Radiotherapy of NSCLC” in the lung ESTRO-ESTS-ERS joint session; “Oxidative stress in radiation-induced normal tissue damage and strategies for inhibition of this process” in a track dedicated to “normal tissue”. And much more: “Stem cell / progenitor cell therapy to inhibit radiation injury”; “Understanding and manipulating cytokine networks involved in development of radiation injury” etc ...

The physicists will also find sessions of interest for their discipline, for example the ESTRO - EANM Joint symposium and the

session “How high technology will change your life” on Tuesday 10 May.

What will be the key moment of the conference?

The special Presidential symposium on Wednesday 11 May will be a highlight of the meeting and a very special moment, as it will allow us to share our vision of the future with the presidents of ECCO, ESMO, ESSO and ESTRO. Other joint symposia will be very interesting; for example the one with ASTRO on how high precision technology will change our life and the one on “New frontiers in metastatic cancers”, developed in collaboration with ASCO/ESMO.

From a scientific point of view, what are the sessions with a high level scientific content and the ones not to be missed?

They are all important and for each participant, they will choose according to their own organ specialisation. This is really the force of EIOF, to offer a programme that covers most areas of interest for clinical oncologists. The proffered papers are of course an additional opportunity to look ahead with sessions like ‘Vision for the future’ for the main tumour sites or the Joint symposium with CARO on “Translating research in imaging into clinical practice” which will take place on Tuesday 10 May. ■



Abstract meeting on 5-6 February.
From left to right: Jean Bourhis, Vincenzo Valentini, Christine Verfaillie, Lea Minnen and Vincent Grégoire.