

A new Structure of Meetings and collaborative Activities within NSGO. Accepted at the extra ordinary General Assembly 10-09-2005

Background

At present, NSGO arranges two general meetings per year for all members. Within the timeframe of two days, those meetings cover both the internal business of the Society, scientific programs, trial and protocol processes, working groups and educational as well as social activities. That has resulted in meeting programs with several parallel sessions, particularly parallel Tumor Site Committees. However, that may lead to loss of focus of the activities. Many members also wish to take part in more than one Tumor Site Committee or Working Group Session. These limitations of the present meeting structure and other factors such as lack of time and financial support for members for meetings, relations to industry, etc., has led to a discussion within the NSGO Board of a new meeting structure. The Board proposes that:

Proposal

One big general NSGO Meeting per year is arranged, encompassing two days and:

- General Assembly
- A Scientific or Clinical Mini Symposium
- Reports from the ongoing activities in the Working Groups, what have been achieved, relevant issues, summaries.
- Report from the new “Clinical Trial Unit” of ongoing trials, planned activities.
- These sessions should be open to industry.
- No parallel Tumor Site Committee Sessions
- Tumor Site Committees should be reorganized and renamed to form more flexible and task-oriented “Tumor Site Working Groups”. Such “Working Groups” should be formally instituted by the Board.

Additional smaller one-day “Focus Meetings” can be arranged during the year by Tumor Site Working Groups or ad hoc committees for:

- Trial and protocol development
- Educational activities
- Clinical practice harmonization projects
- Mini Symposia
- Etc.

Telephone meetings or Video Conferences may replace and supplement ordinary meeting activities to a certain extent.

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