21st MCCR WORKSHOP

METHODS IN CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH
Zeist, Netherlands

Society Grant Prospectus 2019

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1. INTRODUCTION

The World Health Organization estimates clinical shortages in 83 countries. With more trials being conducted globally, this shortage represents a set of challenges for clinical research. A review of literature shows that, despite advances in basic science and new preclinical agent development, there is a serious shortage of clinical investigators who have the pre-requisite knowledge to design and conduct effective clinical trials to match the attributes of these new agents. With the ever-increasing pace of technology and its implications in clinical trial design, the knowledge and number of tools that a clinical investigator needs to be able to utilize effectively continue to grow at a rapid rate.

The MCCR Workshop

The annual Methods in Clinical Cancer Research Workshop is a week-long course designed to educate and train early-career investigators in the best practices of clinical trial design and provide access to experienced clinical investigators from different institutions and countries with expertise across all areas of clinical research. The Workshop is organized by the European Organisation of Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC), European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO), European CanCer Organisation (ECCO) and American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) and has provided training to over 1600 investigators from all over the world since its' inception in 1999.

The Workshop is offered to early-career investigators in all disciplines working the field of oncology who are nearing completion of their training or have recently begun their initial faculty positions and is designed to address the needs today, while maintaining flexibility to implement changes to train early-career investigators on how to conduct effective clinical trials in the future. In addition, it enables the development of peer-to-peer and mentoring relationships to enhance future career development.

80 students are selected using a competitive application process that consists of a protocol concept, personal statement, and support from an existing mentor. Those accepted to the Workshop will have access to world-renowned faculty members who, through the course of the Workshop, will help students develop concept sheets into IRB-ready clinical trials, ready for submission at their own institutions.
WHY DO WE NEED THIS WORKSHOP?

The Workshop trains early-career investigators how to design and conduct cancer clinical trials that produce definitive results. Its primary goal is to assure that new therapeutic and preventive treatments are tested in the clinic in a robust and efficient way. Training, mentoring, and retaining clinical cancer investigators benefits public health by efficiently testing treatments that can be readily made available to cancer patients, improving their quality of life and survival.

KEY BENEFITS FOR ATTENDEES

- Exclusive access to and mentoring by up to 40 highly experienced clinical experts in the field of oncology from Europe and North America
- Exceptional opportunity to meet and network with an elite group of up to 80 junior clinical oncologists from all over the world
- Outstanding educational experience in a unique setting conducive to professional relationship building, learning and development
- Access to a variety of educational tools designed to enable participants to develop their initial protocol proposal into a complete protocol
- Establishment of a network for educational exchanges between early career clinicians worldwide

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Applications to the workshop can be submitted online: conferences.eortc.org/MCCR2019
2. EDUCATIONAL FORMAT

The Scientific Sessions have been specially structured to cater to all learning needs and will use one of the formats:

**Protocol Development Group Sessions**

These sessions form the core activity of this Workshop and allow students to complete the writing of their protocol by applying the knowledge acquired during the Workshop. Students will receive extensive feedback on their trial concepts from designated faculty within assigned groups comprising a maximum of ten students.

**Meet your Expert Sessions**

One-to-one sessions where students will have access to experts providing individual counselling and advice on protocol related issues and advice on career development.

**Small Group Discussion Sessions**

Sessions that focus on topics that are essential to the success of clinical trials and facilitating discussion on and around the difficulties and challenges of a particular type of trial. Attendance to these sessions is limited to maximise interaction and information exchange.

**Lectures and Panel Discussions**

Presentations by key experts on specific topics will provide participants with an overview of the design and implementation of high-quality clinical trials. This will be followed by a panel discussion during which Faculty and students can explore issues raised during the talks in greater depth.
3. FACTS & FIGURES

Applicants versus the number of Students Accepted (1999-2018)

Geographical Distribution of Applicants vs Accepted Fellows (1999-2018)

- North America: 253 / 167
- Latin America & Caribbean: 89 / 37
- Europe: 1,905 / 1,216
- Eastern and Central Europe & Central Asia: 284 / 83
- North Africa & Middle East: 100 / 37
- Africa: 15 / 4
- Asia Pacific: 95 / 46

Participants by Oncology Specialty 2018

- Medical Oncology 60%
- Clinical Oncology 8%
- Radiation Oncology 6%
- Surgical Oncology 12%
- Paediatric Oncology 4%
- Haematology 3%
- Pulmonology 1%
- Nuclear Medicine 1%
- Uro-Oncology 1%

Data from the Participant Survey*

- 98% of respondents would recommend this Workshop
- 98% of respondents had lots of opportunities to interact and network with the faculty
- 98% satisfaction rating for the overall interest and enthusiasm for the subject matter displayed by the faculty
- 96% satisfaction rating for the organisation of the course and scheduling of activities

* Based on the feedback from 78 of the 81 Fellows who attended the MCCR Workshop (response rate = 95%)
What is a Society Grant?

The Society Grant provides direct support to the MCCR Workshop and is set at a minimum of 3500 EUR excluding VAT.

By providing a Society Grant, your Society will be contributing to the very specific aims of the MCCR Workshop which are:

- To train a group of early career investigators from any discipline in the principles of good clinical trial design giving them the tools needed to conduct those trials that will yield clear results and have the potential to impact future research and clinical practice;
- To educate oncologists who are in training posts to the full spectrum of challenges in clinical research, from trials involving conventional antineoplastic agents, radiotherapy and multidisciplinary treatment regimens to gene therapy and targeted treatments, in the expectation that they will want to devote all or a portion of their future careers to some aspect of clinical research;
- To develop an expanding base of well-trained experienced investigators whose expertise will foster better clinical trial designs and thereby hasten the introduction of improved regimens for cancer therapy and prevention into everyday medical practice and patient care.

What are the Benefits to your Society?

- **Acknowledgement**
  
  Supporting Society is acknowledged on the MCCR Workshop website, on the MCCR Workshop portal as well as during the Workshop’s Welcome Session.

- **Increased visibility**
  
  The MCCR Workshop and its supporters are promoted through:
  
  - The MCCR partner websites;
  - Leading industry and scientific journals;
  - Oncology events;
  - Social media platforms;
  - Onsite activities.
  
  Subsequently your Society is recognised for supporting the training of future generations of oncology experts.

- **Building networks**
  
  Opportunity to select a Society Grant Ambassador(s) from the final list of MCCR Workshop applicants, and in return gain testimonial(s) on the MCCR Workshop experience.
5. BOOKING FORM

MCCR Workshop 2019 Society Grant Booking Form

Organisation: ________________________________________________________________
Contact Person: ____________________________________________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________
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Invoicing data:
Organisation to be invoiced: ___________________________________________________
VAT number (if applicable): __________________________________________________
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Postal Code: __________________________ City: _________________________________
Country: ___________________________________________________________________

We would like to support the MCCR Workshop with ________ Society Grant(s).¹
¹This application is legally binding on the company pending its acceptance in writing by the Organiser.
One Society Grant is equivalent to 3500 EUR excluding VAT. When applicable, the total amount of the society
grant is subject to 21% VAT.

Terms of Payment:
Invoices will be sent within two weeks following the confirmation. Payment is due within 30 days
following the date of the invoice. Direct transfer payments should be made to the Workshop bank
account: BE61 0018 4834 6417, BNP Paribas Fortis, Rue Montagne du Parc, 3 (91616) 1000 Brussels,
Belgium, stating the number of the invoice. Sender’s bank charges are at the expense of the sponsor.

Date: __________________________ Signature: _________________________________

Please complete and return by e-mail or post to:

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6. FELLOW TESTIMONIALS

“The MCCR Workshop gives you the essential tools, knowledge and guidance, that you would normally struggle to get in routine clinical training, to execute robust and meaningful clinical trials.”
Rebecca Hill, United Kingdom - Edition 20

“This was an outstanding experience that provided me with the great opportunity to develop a clinical trial protocol in just one week and at the same time learn the essentials of clinical trial design from world-renowned experts in the field.”
Stijn Keereweer, Netherlands - Edition 20

“The MCCR Workshop was an excellent platform for learning, collaborating and meeting excellent mentors who are passionate about training fellows to do good research.”
Nagavalli Somasundaram, Singapore - Edition 20

“The MCCR Workshop provides an invaluable and rare opportunity to receive close guidance from world-class mentors and sage, experienced statisticians – all of whom were generous with their time and experience.”
Aly-Khan Lalani, USA - Edition 19

“This is a very good opportunity for young oncologists to get a deep understanding of protocol development and acquire new insights from the experts.”
Christine Schumacher from Roche, Switzerland - Edition 19

“The MCCR Workshop is the best experience in the career of a young oncologist to learn how to write a well-conducted clinical trial, with fantastic networking.”
Linda Mahjoubi, France - Edition 18

“Besides learning a comprehensive understanding of basics in conducting and planning clinical trials, I have met so many inspiring people!”
Veronika Seebacher, Austria – Edition 17

“You realise that your initial proposal has evolved into a complete clinical trial protocol ready to be presented in the ethics committee.”
Margarita Romeo Marín, Spain - Edition 16
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20-26 June 2020