Meetings:

1. 2nd Irish Geriatric Oncology Meeting held on April 9th. SIOG was well represented and advertised throughout.

RESEARCH

1. Recently opened though Clinical Trials Ireland - ICORG 15-43: Clinical Research Questionnaire of Oncology Patients – A Nationwide Survey to identify patient related factors that influence accrual to CCTs in each of the cancer centres in Ireland. There is a elderly subgroup incorporated.


EDUCATION

Annual Geriatric Oncology Preceptorship programme evolving; funding confirmed – for the first year 2 trainees will be attending City of Hope, Florida under the supervision of Dr. Hurria. This will take place end 2016 / early 2017. Competitive application.

PROMOTING SIOG

 Provision of information re: SIOG membership and to attend Annual Meeting in Milan at the recent national geriatric oncology meeting (held under the auspices of SIOG)

EDUCATION

Development of a national curriculum for geriatric oncology is underway for the medical professions

Geriatric Oncology teaching has been expanded in the undergraduate curriculum at TCD
ESTRO (Turin April 2016) “Geriatric Assessment is a Requirement in Order to Provide a Quality Radiotherapy Service” (Invited speaker, Anita O’Donovan) with associated promotion of SIOG guidelines

RESEARCH

Within academia (Trinity College Dublin), I continue to lead our research programme on care of the older person with cancer. This has expanded to substantial interest and collaboration on a number of clinical research programmes in radiation therapy and other fields.

Publications since last update:


The following research projects are currently under review:

Behavioural and Emotional Outcomes Of Ageing Cancer Survivors In Ireland. Results From the Irish Longitudinal Study on Aging. Ryan, E., O’Donovan, A. and Kenny, R. (Funding was received from the Irish Institute of Radiography and Radiation Therapy for this study)

ONCOLAMP: A Study of the Accessibility of Community Based Services Relevant To Older Patients with Cancer and their Relationship to Social Deprivation and Cancer Incidence. Turner, C., O’Donovan, A., Boyle, G., Robinson, D., Soraghan, C.J.

A national collaborative project on geriatric oncology for radiotherapy is currently being designed for possible introduction early next year.