COSA’s 46th ASM will focus on urological cancers, including but certainly not limited to prostate cancer. Our diverse sub-themes will focus on age and gender in cancer – for patients and health professionals – global oncology and digital health in cancer. The program will capture the most innovative work being undertaken across these highly topical themes.

It’s my pleasure to convene this important national multidisciplinary oncology meeting and welcome you to my home city of Adelaide.

Together with a very engaged committee, I am confident we will deliver another exciting and educational COSA program which, like our city will be full of surprises to entice all your senses and leave you informed, engaged, entertained and most importantly, well equipped to address the modern challenges of cancer control in Australia and beyond.

COSA’s 46th ASM will focus on urological cancers – of course we will feature prostate cancer, but also sessions on testicular and bladder cancer, as well as other related issues such as symptom control, and urological survivorship. The contemporary topic of “digital health” will be featured in plenary and concurrent sessions, when we will cover the uptake of recent technologies in healthcare and the promise (and challenges) of My Health Record. “Age and gender” in cancer is a new addition for COSA – here we will cover gender issues for both patients and health professionals, sexuality, couples, transgender issues, as well as age related matters for the very young and the very old (and some for those in between too). Lastly, we will examine some of the global issues in cancer including changes in cancer epidemiology and their interface with global economic, environmental and political changes and their impact on cancer control. I am particularly excited about these subthemes and hope you are as well.

As always, we intend to deliver you a scientific program that is as diverse as the COSA multidisciplinary membership. And if you have a moment to spare after all the sessions, we present you our amazing city with its outstanding art, fantastic food scene and the best coffee this side of the Equator! Please join me for the outstanding week in November 2019!

Key dates:
Symposium submission deadline: 5 July 2019
Abstract submission deadline: 9 August 2019
Travel grant applications close: 16 August 2019
Early bird registration closes: 13 September 2019

Bogda Koczwara AM
2019 COSA ASM Convenor

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INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

A/Prof Alex Chan
A tenured Associate Professor at the Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Science, National University of Singapore and Duke-NUS Medical School, Singapore. He is widely published in cancer supportive care and survivorship topics, including cancer-related fatigue, chemotherapy-associated cognitive impairment, chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, myelosuppression and chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting.

Dr Stacy Loeb
An Assistant Professor of Urology and Population Health at New York University (NYU) and the Manhattan Veterans Affairs Medical Center, specializing in prostate cancer. She is currently studying active surveillance and digital communications in prostate cancer. Dr Loeb hosts the Men’s Health Show on US/Canadian satellite radio and is an active participant in social media.

Prof Matthew Loscalzo
A Professor in Supportive Care Programs in the Department of Supportive Care Medicine and Professor in Department of Population Sciences at the City of Hope National Medical Center, California. He is internationally recognised as a pioneer in the clinical, educational, and research domains of psychosocial aspects of cancer, and is highly sought after for his strategic mentorship of leaders across disciplines. Professor Loscalzo’s work focuses on pain and palliative care, the implementation of problem-based screening programs, gender-based medicine and problem-solving therapies.

Dr Lena Sharp
The Head of the Regional Cancer Centre, Stockholm-Gotland Sweden, and president of the European Oncology Nursing Society. She has been a cancer nurse since 1985 and has extensive experience in clinical cancer nursing, leadership, teaching and research. Her main focus in research is patient safety, communication, leadership and cancer care organisation.

AUSTRALIAN SPEAKERS

These world-renowned experts will be joined by an esteemed Australian faculty including Peter Allcroft, Sanchia Aranda, Arun Azad, Michael Barton, Lisa Beatty, Phyllis Butow, Jenny Casanova, Anne Cust, Marcus Dreosti, Merran Findlay, Hubertus Jersmann, Michael Osborn, Kevin O’Shaughnessy, David Roder, Sabe Sabesan, Tim Shaw, Ben Tran, Debra Trott, Sandra Turner, Sina Vatandoust, and Patsy Yates just to name a few.

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