

TITAN 2008 update

Courses on track!



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Since the beginning of 2008, 7 TITAN courses have been successfully organized in several countries, using the 2008 updated course material.

The KOK (Germany) organized 2 courses in February and May 2008, with a total of 31 participants. Both courses received very positive feedback from the participants and overall, the TITAN course was judged to be valuable and useful. One of the participants pointed out that "...There should be more nurses doing this training programme as this is a very good educational project!". Other participants particularly appreciated the good quality of the teachers and the use of inter active sessions. Further courses are planned in October 2008.



Lecturing during the IANO course in May 2008

The IANO (Ireland) organized their TITAN course in May 2008 with 25 participants from both community and hospital based nurses caring for cancer patients. On evaluation, participants found the day very useful and relevant to everyday clinical practice, as one of the participants stated: "This course is hugely beneficial to practice on general non specialized wards." Another participant pointed out "...all oncology/haematology nurses, no matter how experienced, should do this course. This is a very useful training day, relevant to everyday practice and increasing the benefit for patients as a result". Indeed, as part of the programme, participants will now develop a dissemination project over the next six months and this may take different forms, such as developing staff/patient education leaflets or workshops. The overall aim is to share information with nursing

colleagues and the multi- disciplinary team helping to increase awareness of prevention, detection and management of these toxicities and to improve patient care.

The UK also held a TITAN course in Leeds in June 2008, with 13 participants, providing a good example of the way to organize and manage a local meeting for nurses. This course was managed internally at the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust using the hospitals own venue and speakers. Mrs. Kirsten Midgley (clinical educator) chaired and delivered most of the sessions, with the remaining sessions led by the haematology specialist nurse and members of the patient education group. "This course was very useful and I gained new knowledge, allowing me to transfer this in clinical practice" noted one of the participants.

TITAN courses are not just taking place in Europe but have now gone 'International'. The first TITAN course to take place in the Middle East occurred in February 2008 at the Tawam hospital in Abu Dhabi with 40 nurses participating. The TITAN course was very well received by the audience, thanks to the fact that no one less than Mr. Jan Foubert chaired and presented the course. Amgen Middle East are busily planning further TITAN courses for nurses in the Middle East in 2008.

Further TITAN courses are planned to take place in Austria (AHOP), Belgium (SIOP), Czech Republic, Greece and Italy (AIAO).

Participants who have participated in a TITAN course should undertake a project with the aim of disseminating their enhanced knowledge to their colleagues or patients experiencing

haematological toxicities, within 6 months of completion of a course. We would like to inform the TITAN course organizers that there will be once again a **TITAN Dissemination project Award** organized in 2008. The request for nominations has been sent to TITAN course organizers by e mail and is available on the TITAN section of the EONS website at <http://www.cancerworld.org/eons>

If you would be interested in receiving more information about TITAN or would like to organize or participate in a course, please contact Mr. Rudi Briké at eons.secretariat@skynet.be
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