We are delighted to have the opportunity to partner with EONS for this special issue of the EONS magazine. The International Society of Geriatric Oncology (or Société Internationale d’Oncogériatrie, hence the acronym SIOG) is a multidisciplinary society dedicated to foster the development of health professionals in the field of geriatric oncology in order to optimise treatment of older adults with cancer. Founded in 2000, SIOG includes physicians in the fields of oncology and geriatrics, and allied health professionals, and has members in more than 40 countries around the world. SIOG promotes its efforts through three strategic directions:

- **EDUCATION** via the dissemination of knowledge, the integration of geriatric oncology in the curricula for medical and nursing education, and addressing the shortage of health professionals specialising in geriatric oncology
- **CLINICAL PRACTICE** via the integration of geriatric evaluation into oncology decision-making and guidelines, the improvement of the quality of prevention, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of older patients
- **RESEARCH** via the development, the testing and the dissemination of easy screening tools, the creation of a clear and operational definition of vulnerability/frailty applicable to oncology, advocating for the increase of the relevance of clinical trials designed for older patients and the promotion of a multidisciplinary, basic/translational research on the interface of aging and cancer.

Because the major risk for cancer is age, and with the ageing population of the world, a major epidemiologic challenge is before us. The mobilisation and the education of all health professionals is essential, including nurses, who are at the core of older patient care.

In the first part of the magazine, you will be able to catch up on all the latest EONS news. Then, in the first feature article, you can gain an insight into the importance of appropriate geriatric screening and assessment of older patients with cancer. We then take a look at research opportunities within the field of geriatric oncology. The next article describes the impact of polypharmacy in older patients with cancer, in which medication adherence is a specific point of interest for nurses and allied health professionals. We continue with the examination of the needs of informal caregivers in the care of older patients with cancer and we put the education of nurses into perspective. We also focus on the experiences of nurses in the field who spend their daily oncology practice with older patients. We hope these articles help you identify useful actions to guide your daily practice and convince you of the need to work hand in hand in order to improve the care of older patients, when providing evidence-based geriatric oncology remains a challenge in Europe and beyond. Promoting multidisciplinary practice is the only way to go and we would stress how important your involvement as nurses is for tomorrow, starting today! Visit our website (www.siog.org) for more information, including an overview of the activity of the SIOG nursing and allied health interest group. Plus, the next SIOG annual meeting will be held in Milan, from 17-19 November, and there will be a specific meeting for nurses the day before. Please note the date and join us!