

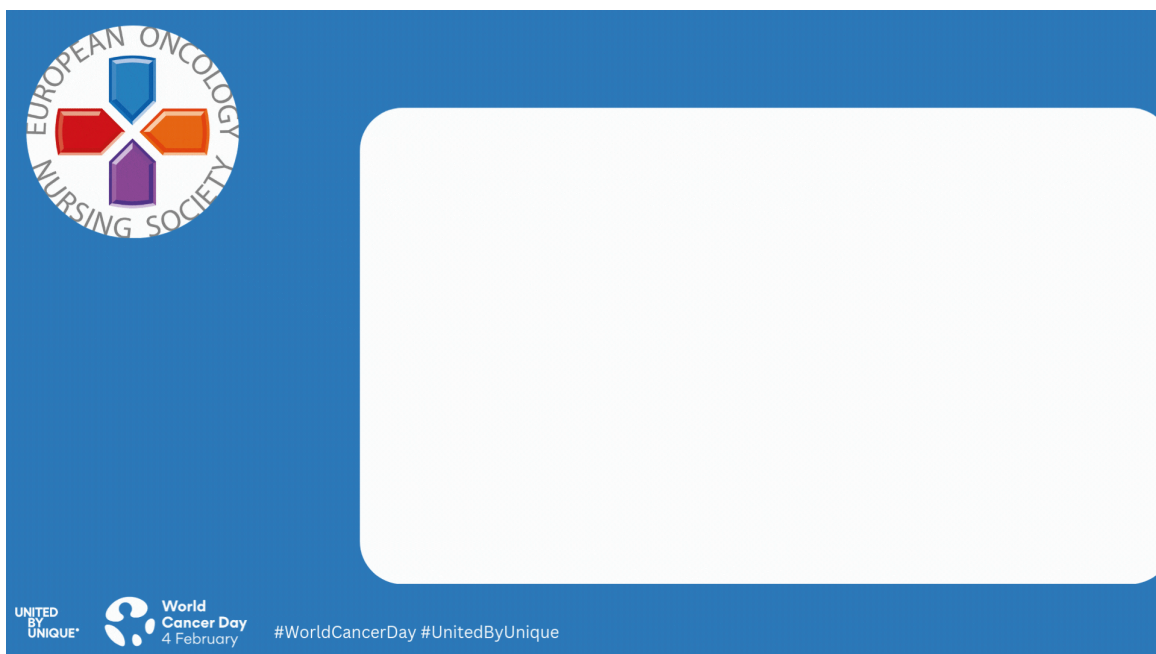


## RECOGNISING EUROPEAN CANCER NURSING

# EONS Newsletter February 2025

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### EONS' SPECIAL WORLD CANCER DAY VIDEO!



This **World Cancer Day**, **EONS** presented a special campaign video, featuring the voices of cancer nurses from across Europe. Under the theme **#UnitedByUnique**, this video showcases their unique experiences, challenges, and dedication—demonstrating how, despite our differences, we stand together in our mission to improve cancer care. **Watch the video now** and join us in recognising the role of cancer nurses. A special thanks to Communication Working Group members for sharing their voices!

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

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### MEET EONS NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER!



# WELCOME

## *to the team*



Meet our new chief operating officer!



MALIKA DENOLF

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EONS is delighted to welcome **Malika Denolf** as our new **Chief Operating Officer**. In taking on this new role, Malika Denolf shared her enthusiasm for joining EONS:

*"I am honored to join EONS and help in enhancing the profession of oncology nursing within Europe. I strongly believe that cancer nurses are the most important staff who can give proper care to cancer patients. My goal is to help make our organization as effective and strategic as possible, in order to ensure that oncology nurses get the best possible education, support, and resources."*

EONS looks forward to working with Malika Denolf in continuing to champion cancer nursing across Europe. Please join us in extending a warm welcome!

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**HAVE YOU VISITED EONS NEW WEBSITE?**

ABOUT EONS

# Empowering Cancer Nurses in Europe

Europe's largest cancer nursing society, empowering professionals to deliver exceptional patient care.



## Our Story

Step into our past and witness the transformation of a simple idea into an innovative force. Our journey, born in a garage, reflects the power of passion and hard work.

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## Our Vision & Mission

Our mission is to provide leadership to ensure that all people affected by cancer benefit from the care of educated and competent cancer nurses.

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## Our Strategy & Values

Our strategy & values shape our society, influence our decisions, and guide us in providing excellent services. They reflect our dedication to integrity, collaboration, and respect.

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## EONS Policies

Our policies are designed to ensure transparency, fairness, and safety for all our users.

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EONS is excited to introduce its **brand-new website**, designed with a fresh look, enhanced features, improved accessibility, and updated resources to better support cancer nursing professionals across Europe. We'd love to hear your thoughts! Your **feedback is welcome** at **[communications.officer@cancernurse.eu](mailto:communications.officer@cancernurse.eu)** to help us continue improving your experience. Explore the new site today and let us know what you think!

[VISIT THE NEW WEBSITE](#)

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**EONS BOARD ELECTIONS 2025 –  
NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!**

# EONS BOARD ELECTIONS



Learn about the open roles and the election timelines to nominate candidates.

[www.cancernurse.eu](http://www.cancernurse.eu)

Deadline for  
nominations:  
03 March 2025

Election time has arrived, and **EONS invites its members** to play an active role in shaping the organisation's future! Nominations are now open for the **EONS Board Elections 2025**, with opportunities to apply for:

- **President-Elect**
- **Board Member – Education**
- **Board Member – Research**

Full members, whether part of an **EONS National Oncology Nursing Society** or individual members, are encouraged to apply. The deadline for nominations is **3 March 2025 (12:00 CET)**, with voting running from **10 March – 7 April 2025**.

Newly elected Board members will receive mentorship and support to ensure a smooth transition into their roles. **Submit your nomination today**—more details and application forms are available on our [website](#).

**NOMINATE**

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## ECN BLOG - INSIGHTS FROM THE YOUTH POLICY DIALOGUE





In this month's edition of the **ECN blog**, we highlight the **Youth Policy Dialogue** held on World Cancer Day by the European Commission. This event brought together young cancer survivors and healthcare professionals to discuss key challenges in oncology with EU Health Commissioner Olivér Várhelyi.

**Núria Aguado Machancoses, EONS Early Career Working Group member**, shared her experience at the dialogue, where she and other professionals raised concerns about understaffing, precarious working conditions, and the need for stronger support for cancer nurses across Europe. Participants also advocated for increased investment in public health campaigns, stricter regulations on smoking and alcohol, and enhanced support for mental health and quality of life for cancer patients.

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## EONS AT ICCN 2025 CONGRESS



EONS is delighted to announce our participation in the **International Conference on Cancer Nursing (ICCN2025)**, taking place from **18-21 June 2025 in Adelaide, Australia**. Under the theme “*Global Voices, Local Actions: from Inspiration to Implementation*”, **ICCN2025** will bring together leading cancer nursing professionals from around the world to exchange knowledge, inspire innovation, and drive impactful change in oncology care. **EONS** is proud to be hosting a joint session at this event, providing a platform to highlight key European perspectives on cancer nursing, policy, and practice. Stay tuned for more details on our session!

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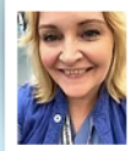
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## EONS TO PARTICIPATE IN 2025 CONFERENCE ON SAFER CANCER CARE

### Safer Cancer Care

*An Independent Conference  
for Occupational Safety*

- **Helena Ullgren, PhD, President elect EONS, RN oncology and Palliative care.** Aspects of Occupational Safety, examples from cancer nurses in Europe, European oncology nursing society "Cancer nursing index".



- **Mattias Hellberg-Naegele, MSc, Advanced Practice Nurse, Switzerland/Germany.** Matthias is an experienced oncology nurse with almost 30 years of expertise. He played a pivotal role in the development of the 'Freiburg Model' in Germany, which led to the delegation of cytotoxic drug administration to nurses. He was responsible for training nurses throughout Germany in the safe administration of cytotoxic drugs for many years. Matthias is now working in Switzerland and, as an Advanced Practice Nurse in the outpatient area, has a deep understanding of the handling of cytotoxic drugs in clinical practice in Switzerland.



EONS is proud to highlight the **2025 Safer Cancer Care Conference**, which focuses on **protecting cancer nurses from occupational health risks** associated with handling anticancer drugs.

**EONS President-Elect Helena Ullgren** will present on *"Aspects of Occupational Safety: A Survey Among European Cancer Nurses."* Additionally, **EONS Education Working Group Member, Matthias Hellberg-Naegele**, will discuss *"How Switzerland and Germany Are Applying Occupational Safety Regulations."* They will both be featured speakers at the event! Find out more about the conference [here](#).

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## STAY TUNED FOR ECND2025!



Mark your calendars! EONS is preparing to celebrate **European Cancer Nursing Day 2025 (ECND25)**, recognising the incredible contributions of cancer nurses across Europe.

This year's theme, **"Cancer Nursing Beyond Borders,"** highlights the power of nursing to unite efforts and improve cancer care worldwide. As part of the celebration, we are pleased to announce a **special joint event in Athens, Greece**, in collaboration with the **Hellenic National Nurses Association**, with programme details to be shared soon. **Working Group members are invited to join**—please complete the **ECND25 registration form** online by **12:00 noon CET on Friday, 28 February 2025**.

To support participation, a **toolkit** will be available in the coming days, along with the launch of a **special competition** to mark this occasion. Stay tuned for more updates!

FIND OUT MORE

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## EONS18 AT ESMO CONGRESS 2025 – ABSTRACT SUBMISSION NOW OPEN!



# EONS18 at ESMO 2025



EONS is delighted to announce that **abstract submission** for EONS18 is now open! Taking place in **Berlin from October 18-20, 2025**, EONS18 will bring together cancer nurses, researchers, educators, and healthcare professionals from across the globe under the theme “**Compassionate Care in Cancer Nursing: Bridging the Gap Between Science and Humanity.**” Key deadlines to note: Abstracts, Trials in Progress, and Intent to Submit Late-Breaking Abstracts (LBAs) are due by **13 May 2025 (21:00 CEST)**, while Late-Breaking Abstracts must be submitted by **9 September 2025 (21:00 CEST)**, with a required skeleton submission by 13 May. Don’t miss this opportunity to share your work and help shape the future of cancer nursing!

[MORE INFO](#)

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## DIGICANTRAIN E-LEARNING PROGRAMME

# Digi Can Train



EONS is a **partner of the DigiCanTrain project**, which has developed an **e-learning programme** designed for oncology healthcare professionals. This programme aims to enhance **digital skills** and equip professionals with the knowledge needed to stay at the forefront of **digital health interventions in oncology**. Find out more and register [here](#).

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**BECOME A MEMBER OF EONS TODAY!**



Join **EONS** today as an **individual**, **society**, or **associate member**! Our application process is streamlined and accessible year-round. Here's how you can become a part of a community that's at the forefront of cancer nursing: **Visit our Membership Page:** Find the online application forms and submit them! Completing the form is quick and easy!

**Membership Benefits Include:**

- Professional Development: Access to educational resources and workshops to advance your career.
- Networking Opportunities: Connect with a vast network of cancer nursing professionals across Europe.
- Join Committees and Working Groups: Participate in Committees and Working Groups to shape the future of the profession.

**Spread the Word!** Invite your friends and colleagues to join EONS. Share the value of our community and how it can benefit their professional growth and knowledge.

**JOIN EONS AS A MEMBER**

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**EONS PRESIDENT ATTENDS INTER-SPECIALTY  
CANCER TRAINING PROGRAMME**





**EONS President Virpi Sulosaari** attended as a trainer at the launch of the first in-person event for trainers under the **Inter-Specialty Cancer Training Programme (ISCTP)** between 24 and 26 January in **Barcelona**. Hosted at **Barcelona Children's Hospital Sant Joan de Déu**, this event brought together cancer professionals from various specialties to foster interprofessional collaboration, discuss innovative approaches to cancer care education, and prepare for the implementation of ISCTP in their respective cancer centres.

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## OTHER NEWS

**RIISING CANCER RATES IN THE UNDER-50s:  
WHAT'S BEHIND THE TREND?**



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A recent *Guardian* article explores the concerning rise in cancer cases among younger adults, delving into potential causes such as ultra-processed foods, environmental toxins, and lifestyle factors. Researchers are investigating how these elements may be contributing to an increase in early-onset cancers. Read more [here](#).

[READ FULL ARTICLE](#)

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## READING & LISTENING CORNER

**NEW RESEARCH ON PRODUCTIVITY COSTS AND  
UNEMPLOYMENT IN ADVANCED BREAST CANCER**

# The impact on productivity costs of reducing unemployment in patients with advanced breast cancer: A model estimation based on a Portuguese nationwide observational study ☆

Leonor Vasconcelos de Matos <sup>a,1</sup>, Margarida Borges <sup>b,1</sup>✉, Ana Teresa Oliveira <sup>c</sup>✉, Carolina Bulhosa <sup>c</sup>✉, Luís Silva Miguel <sup>d</sup>✉, Tiago Fidalgo de Freitas <sup>e</sup>, Renato Cunha <sup>f</sup>✉, Ana Duarte Mendes <sup>g</sup>✉, Ana Júlia Arede <sup>h</sup>✉, Cristiana Marques <sup>i</sup>✉, Diogo Alpuim Costa <sup>j</sup>✉, Jorge Alves Correia <sup>k</sup>✉, Margarida Brito <sup>l</sup>✉, Mário Fontes e Sousa <sup>m</sup>✉, Teresa Guimarães <sup>n</sup>✉, Fatima Cardoso <sup>a</sup>✉

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The **ABC Global Alliance**, in collaboration with the **University of Lisbon**, has published a new **study** on the impact of reducing unemployment in patients with advanced breast cancer and its associated productivity costs.

This important research highlights the economic and social implications of supporting patients with advanced breast cancer to remain in the workforce, reinforcing the need for policies that address employment challenges in cancer care. We encourage our community to read and share this valuable work.

[READ THE STUDY](#)

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## EVENTS IN BRIEF

## UPCOMING SPCC LIVE WEBINARS ON CANCER CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY

**LIVE WEBINAR** ●● First session 05 March 2025 – 18:00 CET

**People, places, and platforms that support a cancer patient's journey**

Join on **Onco Corner**

**Sharing Progress in Cancer Care**

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**Expert**  
**STEVE BIERMAN, US**

**Expert**  
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LIVE WEBINAR

17 March 2025 – 18:00 CET

Join on Onco Corner

## Breaking barriers: ensuring equal cancer care access for diverse communities

Sharing Progress  
in Cancer CareDiscussant  
NICOLÒ MATTEO  
LUCA BATTISTI, UKExpert  
JOSEPH  
GLIGOROV, FRExpert  
STEWART  
O'CALLAGHAN, UK

Join SPCC for two live webinars! On 5 March 2025 at 18:00 CET, *"People, Places, and Platforms that Support a Cancer Patient's Journey"* will feature Aleksandra Filipovic (UK), Steve Bierman (US), and Alejandro Piris (ES), discussing the role of people and resources in cancer care. On 17 March 2025 at 18:00 CET, *"Breaking Barriers: Ensuring Equal Cancer Care Access for Diverse Communities"* will feature Nicolò Matteo Luca Battisti (UK), Joseph Gligorov (FR), and Stewart O'Callaghan (UK), exploring ways to improve access to cancer care. Visit [here](#) to learn more and register!

## MDS 2025

### 18TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MYELODYSPLASTIC SYNDROMES

Advancing Research &amp; Patient Care

The 18<sup>th</sup> International Congress on  
**Myelodysplastic  
Syndromes**Rotterdam, The Netherlands  
7–10 May 2025

Registration for **MDS 2025** is now open! Take advantage of **early bird savings** by registering before **11 March 2025**. Join them for four days of cutting-edge science, engaging debates, and invaluable networking with world-leading experts.

For more information, visit [here](#).

## EHMA CONFERENCE 2025



Save the date for the **EHMA 2025 Conference** supported by EONS, happening in **Rennes, France from 4-6 June 2025**. The theme is 'Taking action to improve health for all'. For more information, visit: <https://ehmaconference.org>

## ICML CONFERENCE 2025

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of the programme of the first **Oncology Nursing Session** (Friday, 20 June 2025) organized in collaboration with:

- Swiss Oncology Nursing Society (OPS / SOS),
- European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS),
- Haematology Nurses & Healthcare Professionals Group (HNHCP),
- European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE) Nursing Group.

Submit your abstract by 15 March 2025 (17:59 CET).

**18th ICML**

International Conference on Malignant Lymphoma  
**Lugano**

**17-21 June 2025**

[www.icml.ch](http://www.icml.ch)

Join us!

The 18th International Conference on Malignant Lymphoma (18-ICML) will take place in Lugano, Switzerland, from **June 17 to June 21, 2025**. For the first time, the conference will feature a dedicated session focused on **cancer nursing**, specifically tailored for specialised nurses, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists. We are pleased to announce that **EONS Board Member Matt Fowler** will represent EONS at this prestigious event.

You can register for the full conference at a special rate, with options for both **virtual and in-person attendance**. If you prefer, you can also purchase a **daily ticket for Friday, June 20**, which is the day of the cancer nursing session. This session is organised in collaboration with the **Swiss Oncology Nursing Society (OPS/SOS)**, the **Haematology Nurses & Healthcare Professionals Group**, and the **European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE) Nursing Group**.



**Call for abstracts is open until March 15, 2025.** Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the programme of the first **Oncology Nursing Session!**

For more details and the latest updates, please visit [www.icml.ch](http://www.icml.ch) and subscribe to the ICML newsletter.

## 2025 ILC Annual International Conference



The **2025 ILC Annual International Conference** will take place in **Genoa, Italy** on **16 & 17 June 2025** – hosted in collaboration with the University of Genoa! Conference brochure available [here](#).

## MASCC/ISOO ANNUAL MEETING 2025



Save the date for the **MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting**, happening **June 26th to 28th, 2025, in Seattle, Washington**. Register for the conference through the following link: [MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting 2025](#).



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