ESMO President Election: 2018 - 2019

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Candidacy & Suitability

I have been a longstanding member of ESMO and served on several committees, including member of the Executive Board, ESMO Treasurer, Chairmanship of both ESMO´s Fellowship and Award Committee and the Audit Committee, Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the ESMO 2012 meeting, as well as acting as Co-Chair and Vice Chair of ESMO´s GI World Congresses, and Associate Editor of the society´s flagship journal, *Annals of Oncology*.

These treasured experiences have afforded me an in-depth, intricate understanding of the mechanics and the driving influences behind just what has led our society to become truly great -- achieving the remarkable growth of almost 150 percent in the past ten years of its 40-year history.

As importantly, I have been privileged to have worked closely with the people who have led our Society to where it is today -- the dedicated and tireless thought leaders within the medical oncology field. I can also testify to the same passion and conviction that is shared by ESMO´s inspired committees and the team of outstanding professionals working at ESMO´s headquarters in Lugano.

Vision

I believe in serving and advancing our Society in parallel with the complex and rapidly evolving landscape of oncology whilst forging close collaboration with other specialties and key stakeholders, as well as those who must always be at the center of everything we do – our patients.

Action Plan Overview ›››››››››››››››››››››see overleaf ›››

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Josep Tabernero: Action Plan Overview

- In collaboration with ESMO´s outstanding committees I will seek to better respond to the growing needs, pressures and daily obstacles faced medical oncologists – both within Europe and also beyond, and tailor specific benefits to cater to the regional needs that differ immensely country per country.
- I believe in listening to the real issues encountered by the up-and-coming generation of young oncologists, the future of our practice, and in turn, identify ways to ease the current burdens that could, if not monitored and addressed accordingly, cost our specialty dearly.
- I will support actions that strive to make precision medicine more accessible across borders.
- I will forge new, strategic collaborations with other specialties, cancer leagues, universities, patient groups, and industry. While medical oncology will rightly remain our core business and expertise, other disciplines and new contenders in cancer science and medicine must be keenly embraced and welcomed by our Society.
- I will prioritize ESMO´s dedicated efforts aimed at better shaping Oncopolicy to positively impact on our profession, other stakeholders in oncology, and on the outcomes of our patients. By defining key areas in need of change, within ESMO´s remit, our Society will become a forerunner in resolving issues which will demand greater flexibility for some policy points, more uniformity for others.
- I will lead efforts to engage in the necessary debate and exchange required to bring about change. Important target areas will include how best to manage and harness huge amounts of valuable, untapped data, as well as improve clinical trial design, balancing speed and making adjustments in dosage and treatment as required.
- I believe in turning current challenges that are impacting on our ability to more rapidly and precisely advance our specialty into opportunity and better outcomes for our Society, its members and all stakeholders in oncology.

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