GI Young investigator’s program 2018

EORTC GI Group meeting
2018 March

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What is the program all about?

• A platform for:
  • new ideas from young investigators
  • Developing new leaders
  • Implementation of GITCG vision and mission:
    • Practice changing studies, innovative, multidisciplinary, international
  • Mentorship
  • GI group network expansion
  • Collaboration with GI group and EORTC
(Potential) Benefits of participating

- Hands-on experience in science / logistics of international clinical cancer research
- Mentorship by leading cancer and methodology experts
- Network expansion
- Publications
- Take part in the new call for innovative projects
Are you the next YI 2018?

• Member of EORTC GI group; or membership must be in process.
• Any specialty (oncologist, surgeon, biologist, pathologist, radiologist, radio-oncologist, statistician, etc.)
• Committed to be active in the GI group for a minimum of 2 years
  • Participation in protocol development and task forces
• Age 45 & below
• From any country; also from:
  • Israel
  • Eastern Europe
  • Scandinavian countries
  • Members of JCOG
  • Singapore
• With committed mentor from his own institution who is an active member of the GI group
• With a project proposal fitting the objectives and mission of the GI group.
Call for new projects 2018-2020

- As a YI, you may submit a research project to the GI group.
- Priority will be an innovative project from SPECTAcolor
- Next priority will be new ideas on:
  - Impact of systemic treatments on female population or adults with young onset GI cancers
  - Optimizing immune oncology treatments and local treatments (surgery/ablative/radiotherapy) for gastroesophageal, biliary tract and colorectal cancer
- Grant of maximum 50,000 euros will be awarded to the best candidates
- Candidates will be invited to be YI 2018 core members
How to apply for the call for projects?

- Call opens on 2018 Mar until 30 June 2018
- Requirements
  - CV, Motivation letter from YI
    - Objectives, expectations, interests
    - What they would like to contribute to GI group
    - Commitment to be active in the GI group activities for at least 2 years
  - Research proposal – max 2 pages
    - Background
    - Objectives
    - Primary endpoint
    - Schema
    - Clinical data and biomaterials needed
    - Mentor / institutions who will participate
How to apply?

• Mentor requirements
  • CV
  • Letter of commitment
    • Objectives, expectations
    • General plan on how he/she will supervise the YI
• Send applications to GITCGHQ@eortc.be
Selection process

• First round of review
  • Most interesting ideas will be selected
  • First level assessment of feasibility

• Second review
  • Discussion with candidates (+/- mentor) about scientific and feasibility (web conference)
  • Methodology assessment
  • HQ and GI group assessment of resources
  • Projection of timelines

• Winner will be announced during the next strategy meeting (September 2018)
Role of young investigators

• All YI applicants will be invited to
  • participate in task force and attend Group meetings
  • Participate in development of new GI group projects
    • Please inform study coordinator and CRP
  • Can submit other research ideas to the group or EORTC
    • Please discuss research ideas with task force chairs
    • http://www.eortc.org/request-for-data/
• YI 2018 winner and mentor
  • Fully develop and implement the project proposal within the term
YI co-coordinators of GI group studies

- Lizzy Smyth – 1707, 1767 Panoramic
- Maria Alsina – 1741 Dynamic
- Maren Knödler – 1707 Vestige
- Angela Lamarca – 1715 Telefirst, 1607 Biliary
- Teresa Macarulla Mercade – 1607 Biliary
- Jenny Seligmann – 1560 ILOC
- Kozo Kataoka – 1527 DREAM
- Patrick Starlinger – 1527 DREAM; GI Early Career Investigator
- Carmela Caballero – 1409 CLIMB
Previous winners of the call for projects

- Gertraud Stocker – University of Liepzig
- Chiara Cella – Istituto Europeo di Oncologica
- Ana Sebio – Hospital De la Santa Creu I Sant Pau
- Guillem Argiles – Vall d’Hebron Institut d’ Oncologia
- Jenny Seligmann – Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
We look forward to having you on board!