

Novartis Oncology tackled the topic of sustainable access to innovative cancer medicine, with patient, government and pharmaceutical industry perspectives. They also spoke about the utility of Individualized gene-based cancer chemotherapy which is a departure from the conventional population-based regimen. This was followed by a 75 minute documentary titled – A Day without Cancer which put forth the question – Can we conquer Cancer in our lifetime? The role of Health Ministry in collaborating with clinicians and other health-care providers was discussed by Nicola Roxon, former Australian Health Minister. Information on screening procedures for cancer was given.

In summary, this conference highlights the need for integration of services fighting cancer in their own right and putting forth a holistic approach towards combating cancer. Cancer research has to be funded, developed and sustained in a much bigger way than it currently is. Facing the hard facts that India as a country is much behind the rest of the world in the field of cancer research, screening, diagnosis & treatment is imperative and a step forward.

### **My Role at the Conference:**

I presented 3 E-posters which involved presentation of 3 slides each and a talk for about 3 minutes for each presentation. The topics presented by me were:

- 1) Metaplastic Carcinoma Breast : The Basilisk among Breast Cancer
- 2) Skin-sparing Mastectomy with Immediate Breast Reconstruction – When feasible why not!
- 3) Estrogen & Progesterone receptor in gallbladder disease: On the cusp of a discovery?

All 3 presentations were well attended and received followed by discussion regarding the same.

### **Publication:**

The abstracts presented in the World Cancer Congress 2014 have been published in the Asia-Pacific Journal of Clinical Oncology vol 10, Issue supplement S9(Citation - (2014), Abstracts. Asia-Pacific Journal of Clinical Oncology, 10: 1–263. doi: 10.1111/ajco.12332)

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- ❖ **Title of the abstract accepted** : 1. Metaplastic carcinoma of breast: The basilisk among breast cancer. 2. Skin sparing mastectomy with immediate breast reconstruction when feasible, why not.
- ❖ **Venue & Date** : Melbourne, Australia, 3-6th December 2014.
- ❖ **Money sanctioned** : ₹ 97,800/-
- ❖ **Money reimbursed** : ₹ 1,00,000/- (Due to hike the fare of air travel an additional ₹ 2,200/- were sanctioned)

### **Organization of Conference:**

World Cancer Congress 2014 was organized by the ASN events, under the aegis of UICC (Union for International Cancer Control) at the Melbourne Convention Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia hosted by the Cancer Council, Australia. Held every 2 years, the event attracts cancer councils, Doctors & other health-care professionals combating cancer from around the world. The theme for this year's event was –

#### *Joining Forces - Accelerating Progress.*

The aim of the conference was to get an understanding of successful interventions in prevention, screening, diagnosis, supportive and palliative care of Cancer.

A record total of 2700 delegates attended the conference from over 120 countries. The Global Village had 52 exhibitors. Record number of 120 sessions with over 300 speakers were underway.

### **Academic highlights:**

More than 900 abstracts were accepted for presentations at the conference with delegates from around the world. 12 different Master Classes were arranged where in the best attended course was Implementation Science – Principles & practice by the United States National Cancer Institute.

Keynote sessions by speakers like Laura Levit, Irene Higginson & Peter Doherty addressed the topic of Sustainable Health systems. The issues of Overdiagnosis & Overtreatment were addressed. The Australian draft guidelines for Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) testing were released by the Prostate Cancer Foundation Australia (PCFA) for the issue of offering PSA testing as a screening procedure. Lecture delivered by Professor Bruce Armstrong.