

Cancer Institute Appoints Oncology Nursing Society Member as Director



The Cancer Institute New South Wales (NSW) in Alexandria, Australia, has appointed Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) member Sanchia Aranda, RN, PhD, as director of its Cancer Services and Information Division. This new role will head a department comprising the two previous divisions of Cancer Services and Education and Cancer Information.

“The idea behind the amalgamation of the two divisions is to improve the use of data and information as a driver of service planning and improvement,” Aranda said.

As director, Aranda’s responsibilities include overseeing the division’s contribution to the NSW Cancer Plan, which largely focuses on improving cancer survival and quality of life. Aranda heads a team of about 85 people, who also support the work of care coordinators, clinical psychologists, and clinical cancer registry staff in the cancer service system.

Aranda came to her new role after 30 years as a cancer nurse, having worked in practice, education, and clinical research. Her main contributions to oncology have been the establishment of cancer nursing courses in two universities, the supervision of new researchers through their doctoral programs, and the development of a multidisciplinary research team at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Australia with an international reputation in the development and testing of nursing interventions to improve patient outcomes through randomized controlled trials. Aranda has served on cancer control bodies at the state and national level, such as the Advisory Council of Cancer Australia. Aranda also has experience with the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), acting as president from 2006–2010. She currently serves on the Board of UICC, working to promote the role of nurses in cancer control.

The Cancer Institute NSW is an important initiative in the prevention, treatment, and research of cancer. As the

first organization of its kind in Australia, its goal is to eradicate the burden of cancer completely. The Cancer Institute NSW has worked in partnership with the government of Australia, health practitioners, researchers, cancer advocacy groups, charities, and people with cancer to make considerable inroads since 2003.

For more information, visit www.cancerinstitute.org.au.

Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Inducts ONS Members



Merle Mishel

Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. The award honors STTI nurse researchers worldwide who have achieved long-term, broad recognition for their work and whose research has had global or national impact on the profession and the people it serves.



Ida (Ki) Moore

Health Science Division in the College of Nursing at the University of Arizona in Tucson. The inductees are leaders, mentors, scholars, and role models whose research has focused on patient-family outcomes, community wellness, health-care policy, and interventions.

“As the first nursing organization to award a research grant in 1936, STTI is delighted to recognize 15 outstanding nurse scientists at our 2011 research congress,” said STTI President Karen H. Morin, DSN, RN, ANEF. “Their accomplishments not only move forward knowledge but also support and further the mission of STTI.”

ONS members Merle Mishel, PhD, MA, MS, BSN, and Ida (Ki) Moore, DNSc, RN, FAAN, will be inducted into the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International’s (STTI’s)

Mishel is the Kenan Professor of Nursing in the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Moore is a professor and director of the Biobehavioral

Sponsored by Wiley-Blackwell, the ceremony and panel discussion will take place at STTI’s 22nd International Nursing Research Congress on July 14, 2011, in Cancun, Mexico.

This year’s theme, Leading the Global Proactive-Research Interface in the New Millennium, will explore innovative strategies that support the practice-research interface in diverse nursing communities, promote the translation of research-based evidence into practice, encourage global partnerships, and work to develop and evaluate new models of healthcare delivery.

For more information, visit www.nursingsociety.org/Events.

ONS Member Receives Young Investigator Award



ONS member Joanne Lester, PhD, CRNP, ANP-BC, AOCN®, received a grant from the NCCN Foundation of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) as part of

its first Young Investigator Awards Program. Awards focus on assessing and improving outcomes of cancer care and carry grants of \$150,000 over a two-year period. All submissions to the program are reviewed by a multidisciplinary panel of oncology experts, and awardees are selected based on several key components, including scientific merit and study design. The award is made possible via contributions from Amgen Inc., Genentech, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, and Pfizer Oncology.

Lester is a research scientist and an oncology nurse practitioner at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center–James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute and a clinical assistant professor in the College of Nursing at Ohio State University. Her research initiative is titled “Effect of Survivorship Care Planning on Distress: A Randomized Control Trial With Leukemia and Breast Cancer Survivors.”

“This is an important and exciting initiative for NCCN and its Foundation,” said Paul F. Engstrom, MD, Senior Vice President for Extramural Research Programs at Fox Chase Cancer Center and