

SNO

Society for NeuroOncology

Celebrating 15 Years

1995 ✨ 2010

A multidisciplinary organization for the advancement of neuro-oncology through research and education

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Celebrating SNO's 15th Anniversary

This year, 2010, marks the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Society for Neuro-Oncology, SNO. We have put together this brochure about the history of SNO in order to chronicle, commemorate and celebrate the vision and efforts of the founders and members who have steered SNO over the past 15 years to its current place.

As we worked on this brochure, it became apparent that the Society has flourished since its inception, emerging from a young organization to a fully mature one, with a rich history and an awareness of the challenges and responsibilities which lie ahead. Indeed, SNO would have fulfilled its basic function if it had merely provided a reliable forum for professional and academic exchange for its members. However, it has clearly exceeded this goal. It has become a dynamic force in neuro-oncology, providing a rich environment for its diverse worldwide membership and energizing the next generation of neuro-oncology scientists and clinicians through educational and cultural forums.

Hence, it is with no small sense of accomplishment and pride that we present this brochure highlighting the history and achievements of the Society for Neuro-Oncology to you, its members, who actively contributed, and continue to contribute, to SNO through your participation. We hope this brochure captures the growth that has led to the vibrant society that SNO currently is. We invite you to browse through the highlights of the birth and growth of this Society — *your* Society — recognizing that the past is merely a prologue to the future. As we look back, we ask that you continue to move forward with SNO in our fight against neurological malignancies.

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SNO President

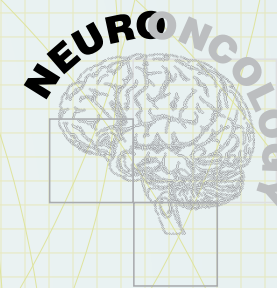


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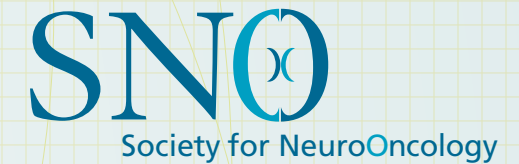


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Founding Members and Initial Vision



Original SNO logo



Current SNO logo developed in 2008

In the early 1990s, clinical and research activities in neuro-oncology were concentrated in a few major medical centers, but the growing and diverse scientific needs of the existing and emerging scientific community had expanded beyond the scope of the existing organizations. The need for an organized effort to fill this gap and coordinate the activities in neuro-oncology was recognized in late 1994 by Victor Levin, MD, then Chair of the Department of Neuro-Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC). Dr. Levin articulated a shared vision of an organization that would promote multidisciplinary interactions and provide balanced representation for all specialties interested in advancing research and

treatment of neurological malignancies. The effort was formalized with a set of bylaws developed with the input of Jay Loeffler, MD, radiation oncologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the assistance of Ms. Jan Esenwein and Ms. Linda Greer of the Department of Neuro-Oncology at MDACC, to create what was then called The North American Society for Neuro-Oncology. This core group worked together to obtain membership commitment from 88 professionals from multiple specialties, including neurosurgery, medical oncology and neurology, radiation oncology, neuro-radiology, and basic science from the United States and Canada. These founding members further refined the bylaws by November 3, 1994 and recognizing the significance and potential of this entity reached a consensus to name the new organization the Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO).



Victor Levin, MD

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A nominating committee consisting of Drs. Mitchel Berger, Patricia Duffner, Stuart Grossman, Philip Gutin, Victor Levin, Jay Loeffler, Raymond Sawaya, Clifford Schold, and Nicholas Vick was constituted. The first officers and Board of Directors were elected in 1995 with Dr. Victor Levin serving as the first President, Dr. Michael Prados as the Vice-President and Dr. Stuart Grossman as the Secretary-Treasurer. The first Board of Directors included Drs. Mitchel Berger, Darell Bigner, Jan Buckner, Peter Burger, J. Gregory Cairncross, Steven Leibel and Roger Packer.

Later that year, an organizational meeting was held during the 11th International Conference on Brain Tumor Research and Therapy (the "Asilomar" meeting) at the Silverado Resort in Napa, California, during which the mission of the Society, "a multidisciplinary organization for the advancement of neuro-oncology through research and education", was articulated. This organizational meeting was also attended by representatives of the American Brain Tumor Association, the National Brain Tumor Foundation, the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, the Preuss Foundation and the Brain Tumor Society, all of whom pledged to endorse the fledgling Society. The organization's potential was immediately evident with the membership rising to 163 professionals. On January 31, 1996, SNO was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Texas with the assistance of attorney, Mr. Donald Brodsky, who graciously provided his services *pro bono*. The organization also benefited from the voluntary efforts of Mr. William Shields who provided accountant and tax filing services at no cost for several years after the formation of SNO.

The Society for Neuro-Oncology has since continued to realize the vision of its founding members, growing rapidly in scope and membership to include a multidisciplinary group of professionals involved in the study and treatment of tumors of the central nervous system.

Attendees of the SNO organizational meeting held during the 11th International Conference on Brain Tumor Research and Therapy

- Mitchel Berger
- Darell Bigner
- Jan Buckner
- Gregory Cairncross
- Ali Choucair
- Jan Esenwein
- Bonnie Feldman
- Sidney Feldman
- Stuart Grossman
- Deneen Hesser
- Victor Levin
- Michael McKechnie
- Roger Packer
- Michael Prados
- Peter Preuss
- Dianne Traynor
- Michael Traynor
- Gail Segal

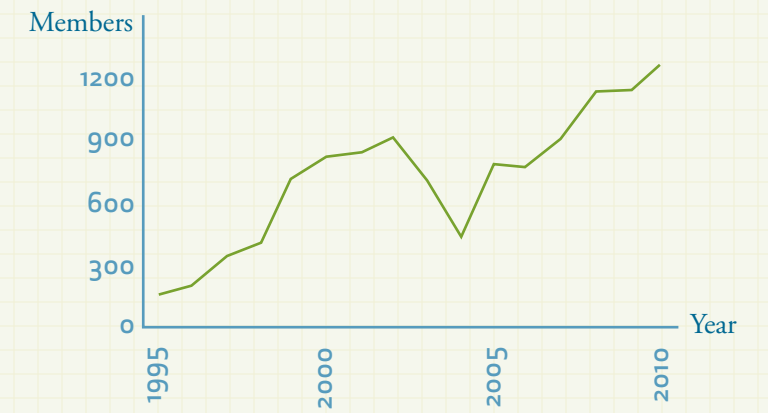
Membership in the Society

The specialty of neuro-oncology forms a unique interface between the fields of neurological diseases and cancer and has consequently attracted a multidisciplinary group of talented physicians, basic scientists and other professionals to its fold. This diverse group is comprised of neurosurgeons, neuro-oncologists, adult and pediatric neurologists, adult and pediatric medical oncologists, neuropathologists, neuroradiologists, radiation oncologists, rehabilitation and pain management specialists, imaging physicists, laboratory-based scientists involved in cancer biology, molecular biology, radiobiology, epigenetics, pharmacology and genetics, and a cadre of epidemiologists, neuropsychologists, statisticians, mid-level providers and clinical and research nurses.

The Society of Neuro-Oncology was born out of the need to create a shared vision with a common platform to promote academic, educational and research activities related to neuro-oncology for this multidisciplinary group. The common goal was to improve the care and treatment of patients with brain tumors. Embracing this vision, the Society has successfully become a nexus for interactions among its members with pharmaceutical entities, patient advocacy groups and philanthropic foundations, resulting in an energized and meaningful partnership dedicated to progress in this field.

Since its inception in 1995 with annual dues of \$150 for a full membership, a benefit of joining SNO has been a subscription to the Society's journal, *Neuro-Oncology*. Today this publication has become the preeminent publication in the field due to the active and high quality contributions of its members and nonmembers, nationally and internationally. Through its special emphasis on providing educational and academic resources to its junior members, the Society has also become a dynamic leader in promoting the careers and knowledge of young scientists who are able to gain access to the expertise of the senior membership as well as to opportunities arising from periodic and ongoing multidisciplinary activities of the Society. In addition, discounted membership fees for special members, access to SNO's career center, and listings of available research funding provide additional resources for all members. The membership dues have only been raised once: in 2008 the cost of a full membership rose to \$200 per year to cover the increase in frequency of *Neuro-Oncology* from four to six issues.

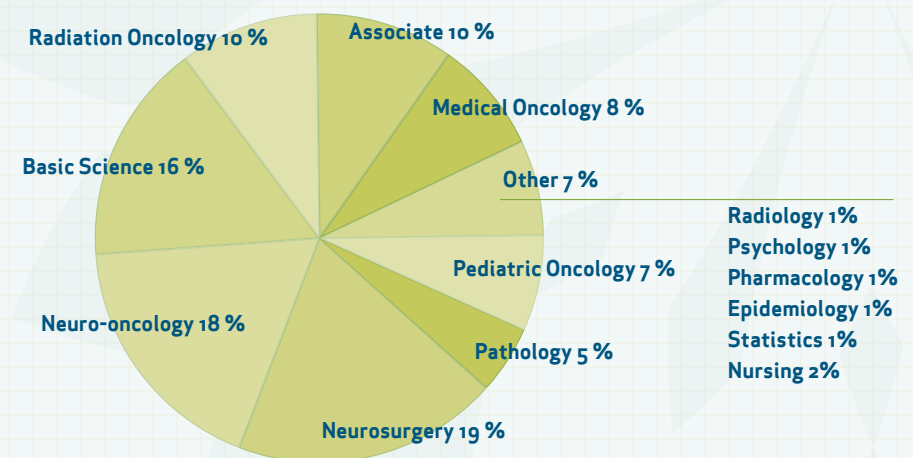
Membership Growth Chart



The Society has effectively harnessed the growing power of electronic communication to provide its members with real-time information regarding its ongoing activities. An e-blast platform has been established for discussion of difficult clinical problems faced by its members during day-to-day practice. This platform has also been effectively utilized to exchange research ideas, advertise available jobs, disseminate information related to local and international training programs and rotations, funding opportunities, conference announcements, and provide updates regarding academic advances and other items of specific interest to its membership. The benefits and opportunities provided by joining the Society has resulted in a steady growth of membership over its lifetime, which has provided additional momentum to its growing national and international presence as a premier representative and meeting place for the neuro-oncology community. In addition, the Society has also extended its influence through international partnerships with several prestigious organizations throughout the world, including the Japan Society for Neuro-Oncology and the European Association for Neuro-Oncology. In particular, its collaboration with the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology has resulted in a combined meeting of the international neuro-oncology community that has provided an unparalleled opportunity, which allows interaction and exchange of ideas among the members worldwide.

With its growing reputation and resources, the Society of Neuro-Oncology continues to provide a unique platform for an international multidisciplinary gathering of professionals involved in the study and management of neurological malignancies.

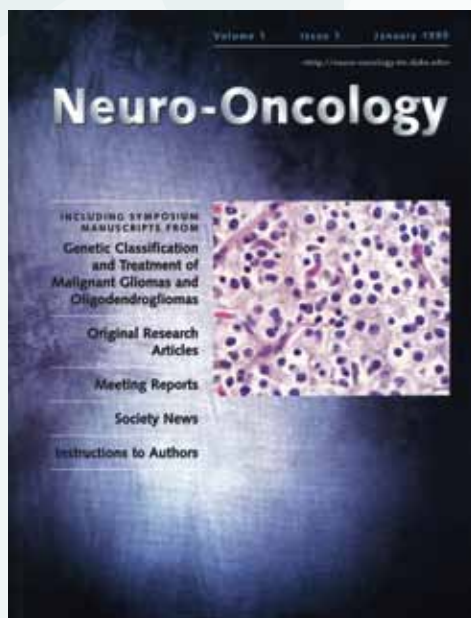
SNO Members



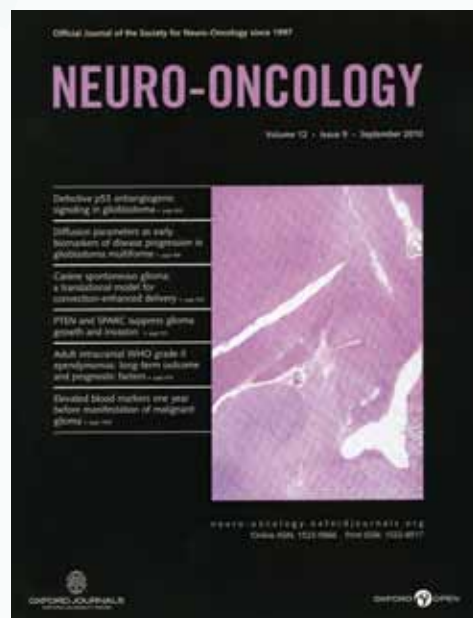
The Society's Official Journal, Neuro-Oncology

At the first Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuro-Oncology held in 1996 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, President Dr. Victor Levin raised the issue of the expediency of developing a multidisciplinary, high-quality, international neuro-oncology journal. With the full support of the SNO Board of Directors, Dr. Darell Bigner volunteered to undertake the responsibility of serving as *Neuro-Oncology's* first Editor in Chief.

Launching any new journal is a costly proposition, and publication of *Neuro-Oncology* was made possible by the generous support of a \$250,000 grant from the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. With the initial funding in place, an Editorial Board was soon established, with representation of all neuro-oncology disciplines and all areas of the world. In its inaugural year, 60 manuscripts were received and 31 were accepted for publication. The first issue was published in January 1999 by the Camden Jennings Publishing Company.



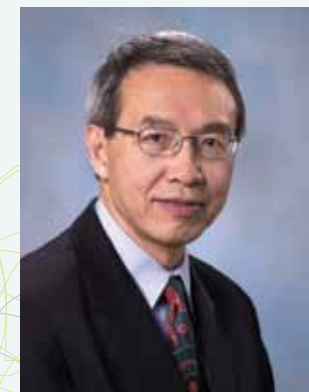
First issue



Current issue



Dr. Darell Bigner,
founding Editor in Chief



Dr. W.K. Alfred Yung,
current Editor in Chief

The following year, the journal was accepted for indexing in Current Contents, Science Citation Index, ISI Alerting Services and Neuroscience Citation Index, and maintained an acceptance rate of 46%. By 2002, the SNO Board approved a change in publishers and beginning with the January 2003 issue, *Neuro-Oncology* moved to Duke University Press. During that year, 63 manuscripts were received, 40% were accepted, and *Neuro-Oncology* posted its first impact factor of 2.717.

The year 2006 was a year of transition for the journal. Founding editor Darell Bigner stepped down from his position as Editor in Chief and named Dr. W. K. Alfred Yung to replace him. Dr. Bigner made inestimable contributions to the success of *Neuro-Oncology*, and when he stepped down the journal boasted an impact factor of 4.15, putting it on par with publications such as *Cellular Oncology*, *Experimental Cell Research*, the *British Journal of Cancer*, and *Cancer Immunology, Immunotherapy*.

Upon assuming the helm, Dr. Yung implemented several new initiatives to further improve the journal. One of his first actions was to institute an online survey of *Neuro-Oncology's* readers, querying them regarding what they wanted from the publication. This survey generated substantial feedback, leading to special-topic issues and review articles from invited prominent authorities. The look of the journal was also updated with a vibrant cover and enhanced graphics. The biggest change however, was to plan for an increase in publication frequency and by 2008 the journal went from four to six issues per year.

By 2010, the journal assumed an even bolder agenda, doubling its frequency to monthly publication through its new affiliation with Oxford University Press, the world's largest university press. Today, *Neuro-Oncology* ranks in the top 20% of both oncology journals (where it is ranked 26th of 165 journals) and clinical neurology titles (where it is 17th of 167 journals), with a current impact factor of 4.98. With new manuscript submissions at well over 400 per year, and continuing to rise, *Neuro-Oncology* is well positioned to maintain its position as the seminal publication in the field.

At the November 2006 Annual Meeting, the SNO Board of Directors considered and approved a new editorial structure for *Neuro-Oncology*. This new structure served to regularize and formalize the relationship between the journal and the three societies that have adopted it as their official publication: SNO, the European Association for Neuro-Oncology (EANO), and the Japan Society for Neuro-Oncology (JSNO). Within this new structure, each organization provides the journal with a representative at the editorial level, with the current editorial leadership as follows:

W. K. Alfred Yung
Editor in Chief

C. David James
Executive Editor, SNO

Michael Weller
Executive Editor, EANO

Ryo Nishikawa
Executive Editor, JSNO

The SNO Annual Meeting

The Annual Scientific Meeting is an integral function of the Society for Neuro-Oncology. What started in 1996 as a small gathering of investigators has grown into an assembly of more than 1000 participants, which has arguably become the premiere venue for all activities related to neuro-oncology, including sharing scientific results, exploring new treatment paradigms, establishing new collaborations, and forming new friendships.

The first SNO Annual Meeting was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in 1996 and was attended by 215 professionals. A total of 115 abstracts representing unpublished research in the field were presented as slide-talks or poster presentations, a format that has been maintained to this day. Organization of this annual meeting has been led by numerous dedicated chairs. The meeting has been generously endorsed by the major brain tumor philanthropic organizations, including the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA), National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS), Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTf), and The Sontag Foundation. The ABTA sponsored the first Award for Research Excellence.

After the initial Society of Neuro-Oncology meeting, Annual Scientific Meetings continued to be well attended. By 1999, at the Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, the number of submitted abstracts had almost doubled, with more than 430 participants, including 43 trainees who received housing stipends made possible by a grant from the ABTA. In 2010, which will be the 15th Annual Meeting, held in Montreal, Canada, there have been more than 600 abstract submissions with an expected attendance of more than 1,100 professionals.

The 1999 annual meeting was also notable as the start of the SNO Education Day, which was initiated under the direction of Dr. Edward Shaw. Over the years, the Education Day has become an important part of the Annual Meeting, providing a stimulating and interactive forum for updating the membership on the most recent clinical and research information in the field of neuro-oncology. In recent years, the Education Day has also incorporated a concurrent session that focuses on quality of life issues, and professional advancement seminars on grant writing and mentorship.

The Annual Meeting has also provided an opportunity for global exchange. The first meeting of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology (WFNO) was hosted by SNO in 2001, in Washington, DC. Spearheaded by Mitchel Berger, the WFNO initiative was designed to unite the three major neuro-oncology organizations, SNO in the United States, the European Association of Neuro-Oncology, (EANO), and the Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology, (ASNO). Organizational responsibility for the first WFNO event was shared by Drs. Berger, Jean-Yves Delattre, and Masao Matsutani, representing each of the three organizations. Subsequent quadrennial WFNO meetings have been held in Edinburgh, Scotland (2005) and Yokohama, Japan (2009). SNO will host the next WFNO meeting in San Francisco in 2013.

Since its inception, the Annual Meeting has become a platform for disseminating state-of-the-art neuro-oncology research information, encouraging professional exchange. The value of the Annual Meeting had been clearly demonstrated by its continued growth in attendance and by the increasing excellence of the submitted abstracts. Thanks to the commitment and organizational skill of the annual program chairs and our many sponsorship partners, the SNO Annual Scientific Meeting and Education Day will continue to play a vital role in bridging the gap between research and clinical practice.

SNO Annual Meeting Locations

- 1996 Santa Fe, NM**
Chair: Victor Levin
Abstracts: 115
Registration: 215
- 1997 University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA**
Chairs: WK Alfred Yung, Albert Wong
Abstracts: 143
Registration: 301
- 1998 San Francisco, CA**
Chair: Mitchel Berger
Abstracts: 238
Registration: 373
- 1999 Scottsdale, AZ**
Chairs: Susan Chang, C. David James
Education Day Chairs: Edward Shaw, Steven Rosenfeld
Abstracts: 228
Registration: 430
- 2000 Chicago, IL**
Chairs: Abhijit Guha, Minesh Mehta
Education Day Chair: Michael Berens
Abstracts: 236
Registrants: 512
- 2001 Washington, DC***
WFNO Chairs: Mitchel Berger, Co-Chairs: Jean-Yves Delattre, Masao Matsutani.
(Program Chairs: Erwin van Meir, Rolf Bjerkvig, Yukitaka Ushio)
Abstracts: 427
Registrants: 816
- 2002 San Diego, CA**
Chair: Abhijit Guha
Education Day Chair: Corey Raffel
Abstracts: 265
Registrants: 576
- 2003 Keystone, CO**
Chair: Abhijit Guha
Education Day Chairs: David Gutmann, Arie Perry
Abstracts: 312
Registrants: 660
- 2004 Toronto, Canada**
Chair: WK Alfred Yung
Education Day Chair: David Gutmann
Abstracts: 441
Registrants: 725
- 2005 Edinburgh, Scotland***
WFNO Chairs: Carmine Carapella, Co-Chairs: Robin Grant, Michael Prados; Masao Matsutani.
(Program Chairs: Robin Grant, Peter Collins, Stuart Grossman, Jong Hyun Kim)
- 2006 Orlando, FL**
Chair: WK Alfred Yung
Education Day Chair: Frederick Lang
Abstracts: 493
Registrants: 818
- 2007 Dallas, TX**
Chair: Russell Pieper
Education Day Chair: Lois Lampson
Abstracts: 496
Registrants: 963
- 2008 Las Vegas, NV**
Chair: Michael Vogelbaum
Education Day Chair: Patrick Wen
Abstracts: 561
Registrants: 1190
- 2009 Yokohama, Japan***
WFNO Chair: Masao Matsutani, Co-Chairs: Susan Chang, Kyung Gi Cho, Michael Weller
Abstracts: 408
Registrants: 706
- 2009 New Orleans, LA****
Chairs: Frederick Lang, Randy Jensen
Abstracts: 599
Registrants: 1023
- 2010 Montreal, Canada**
Chair: Kenneth Aldape
Education Day Chairs: Tracy Batchelor, Howard Colman, Erwin Van Meir
Abstracts: 600
Registrants: 1100***

*World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Meeting

**Joint Meeting of the Society for Neuro-Oncology and the AANS/CNS Section on Tumors

***Anticipated

Awards

The Lifetime Achievement Award

The SNO Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a meritorious individual who has made significant contributions in neuro-oncology over his/her career, either in clinical care and/or translational or basic research. Nominations for the award are received by the SNO Awards Committee who in turn submits a short-list of candidates to the SNO Board of Directors for their consideration. The recipient is presented with a plaque and a \$2000 award during the banquet at the SNO Annual Meeting.

Year	Recipient
2010	Peter Burger
2008	Charles Wilson
2007	Joan and William Shapiro
2002	Victor Levin

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005*	2006	2007	2008	2009**	2010
Basic Research	Patrick Wen	Oliver Bogler	David Louis, J. Gregory Cairncross	Abhijit Guha	Eric Holland	Giulia Fulci	Erik Uhlmann	Stacey Ivanchuk	Jessica Martin, Jessica M'Cready, Helen Fillmore, Sheila Singh	Hideyuki Saya	D. Kamnasaran, Shideng Bao	Xing Fan	Heidi Philips, Andreana Rivera, John Laterra	Aaron Tannenbaum, Lynette Moore	Krishna Bhat, Frank Furnari
Clinical Research		Michael Prados	Edward Shaw	James Markert	Ronald Warnick	Jan Buckner	Paul Sperduto	John Suh	Gary Archer, Martin van den Bent		Meng Law, Christopher Pelloski	David Schomas, Justin Smith	Edward Shaw	Riccardo Soffietti, Mei-Yin Polley	Tracy Batchelor, Mark Gilbert
Pediatric Basic Research			Jacqueline Biegel	Cynthia Wetmore	Waldemar Debinski	Howard Weiner	Ganesh Rao, Daniel Fulst	Erik Uhlmann	Michael Taylor		Zeng-Jie Yang	David Gutmann, Michael Taylor	David Gutmann, Young-Goo Han	Dominik Sturm, Robert Johnson	Adrian Dubuc
Pediatric Clinical Research			Roger Packer	Roger Packer	Jeffery Allen	Jonathan Finlay	Ian Pollack						Sridharan Gururangan		David Franz
Epidemiology				P. Chen	Margaret Wrensch		Serap Erdal, Faith Davis	Edward Shaw	Margaret Wrensch	Robert Jenkins	Michael Scheurer	Frederick Barker	Bridget McCarthy		Rose Lai
Quality of Life					Morris Groves, Roger Packer	Martin Klein	Elana Farace	Stewart Goldman	Stephen Rapp		Jing Li	Rakesh Jalali	Karin Gehring	Andrea Pace	
Benefactor				Michael and Dianne Traynor	Naomi Berkowitz										

* World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Meeting
 ** SNO & AANS / CNS Section on Tumors Joint Meeting

Farber Award and Lecture

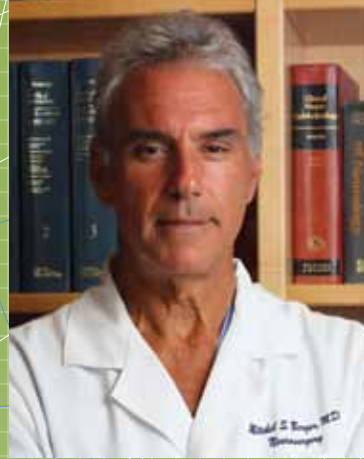
Sponsored by the Farber Foundation, the Farber Award is presented at the annual meetings of the AANS and Society for Neuro-Oncology on alternate years. The recipient is selected by the presidents of the two societies and the Section Awards Chair based on nominees from the executive committees of both societies. The \$5000 award recognizes the most promising investigators who are achieving significant results early in their careers and is given only once to a recipient.

Year	Recipient
2010	Roger Stupp
2009	Peter Dirks
2008	E. Antonio Chiocca
2007	Paul Mischel
2006	Mitchel Berger
2005	James T. Rutka
2004	Eric C. Holland
2003	David N. Louis
2002	Abhijit Guha
2001	Robert Martuza
2000	Stuart Grossman
1999	Edward Oldfield
1998	Mark Israel
1997	Peter Burger
1996	Gregory Cairncross
1995	Philip Gutin
1994	Web Cavenee

SNO Presidents



1996 – 1997
Victor Levin



1998 – 1999
Mitchel Berger



2000 – 2001
Stewart Grossman



2002 – 2003
Edward Shaw



2004 – 2005
Michael Prados



2006 – 2007
Abhijit Guha



2008 – 2009
Susan Chang



2010 – 2012
Frederick Lang

Expanding The Field

Over the years, the Society for Neuro-Oncology has grown well beyond being an organization that holds an annual meeting and publishes a scientific journal. Indeed, as part of the Society's mission to promote neuro-oncology education, SNO has become a catalyst for numerous initiatives to further multidisciplinary and global exchange, including international outreach, cooperative events with other societies, and development of an interactive World Wide Web-based resource for individuals involved in the care and treatment of patients with brain tumors.

Recognizing that brain tumors are not limited by geographical boundaries, SNO's International Outreach Initiative led by Dr. Jonathan Finlay has sought to promote clinical and research activities in pediatric and adult neuro-oncology in developing regions of the world. With generous support from the American Brain Tumor Association and EMD Serono, SNO established an International Outreach Research Fellowship in 2009. This initiative provides funding for professionals from outside North America to come to the United States or Canada to perform clinical, translational or basic research in pediatric or adult neuro-oncology in a clinical and/or laboratory setting. In a corresponding effort to foster education in the developing world, SNO provides travel scholarships to our Annual Meeting awarded through a competitive application process.

To date, the SNO International Outreach Committee has awarded travel scholarships to the SNO Annual Meeting to physicians from the following countries: China, Columbia, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Panama, Pakistan, Russia, Thailand and Venezuela.

SNO has also successfully reached out to other organizations with complementary missions to leverage our existing resources in advancing the field of neuro-oncology. Jointly with the European Association of Neuro-Oncology (EANO) and the Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology (ASNO), SNO has participated in the quadrennial World Federation of Neuro-Oncology meetings in the United States (2001), the United Kingdom (2005) and Japan (2009), and in 2013, SNO looks forward to hosting the 4th WFNO event in San Francisco, CA. In 2009, SNO held a highly successful joint meeting in New Orleans, LA with the Section on Tumors of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. In addition, for the past 14 consecutive years, SNO has hosted the Neuro-Tumor Club Dinner Meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Cancer Researchers (AACR). Looking ahead, SNO will be working with the American Society of Neuro-Radiology (ASNR) and the Neuro-Oncology Section of the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) to organize special topic sessions during our respective annual meetings. Also on the horizon is SNO's first "boutique" meeting, the 2011 Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Basic and Translational Research Conference, supported by a grant from the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.

SNO's Internet presence has long been an important resource in the field of neuro-oncology. Under the initial direction of Dr. Oliver Bogler who volunteered countless hours to the project for more than a decade, the SNO Website is currently overseen by Dr. Erik Sulman. The SNO Website has become an important instrument of the Society's efforts to foster professional education and growth by featuring an on-line career center, mentorship opportunities, conference listings, grant opportunities, interactive message boards and various other resources for SNO members and those of other societies.

Mindful of its multidisciplinary structure, SNO has strived to ensure that everyone working in neuro-oncology has a place within the organization. To that end, SNO has established a broad framework upon which basic scientists, clinicians, and allied health professionals can work together to realize the common goal of improving the care and treatment of patients with brain tumors.

International Outreach Research Fellowship

In 2009 Dr. Yi Lin of China was announced as the first recipient of SNO International Outreach Research Fellowship. This key initiative, supported by the American Brain Tumor Association and EMD Serono, supports the advanced training of physician/scientists from developing countries through a one-year fellowship in the United States or Canada. Dr. Lin will work as a clinical post-doctoral fellow at The University of Texas Health Science Center-Memorial Hermann in Houston, Texas, under the supervision of Dr. Jay-Jiguang Zhu. The application process for the next fellowship cycle is currently underway.

A Solid Platform for Growth

As SNO looks back over the last 15 years and commemorates key achievements and milestones, it is important also to acknowledge the individuals and organizations that have played a role in ensuring that the Society is financially sound.

In the early years, the Society was funded primarily from revenue from membership dues, income from the annual meeting and grant specific donations from our industry and foundation partners. Recognizing a need to take the Society to the “next level”, in 2003 Dr. Edward Shaw initiated a strategic planning process which led to the establishment of the SNO

Foundation. This body was tasked with ensuring long-term security and financial stability for the Society. Four programs were created, including an Annual Meeting support program, the Partners Advisory Council, the President’s Club and the Victor Levin Founders Society. To further develop and grow these programs, as well as manage the increasingly complex day-to-day operations of the growing organization, it was determined that SNO should retain the services of a seasoned association professional and in January, 2006, Charles Haynes was hired to serve as SNO’s first Executive Director. With the support of SNO’s long-time matriarch, Jan Esenwein, and administrative assistant Linda Greer, SNO has enjoyed significant growth in the last five years, and today is financially strong with the necessary resources to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

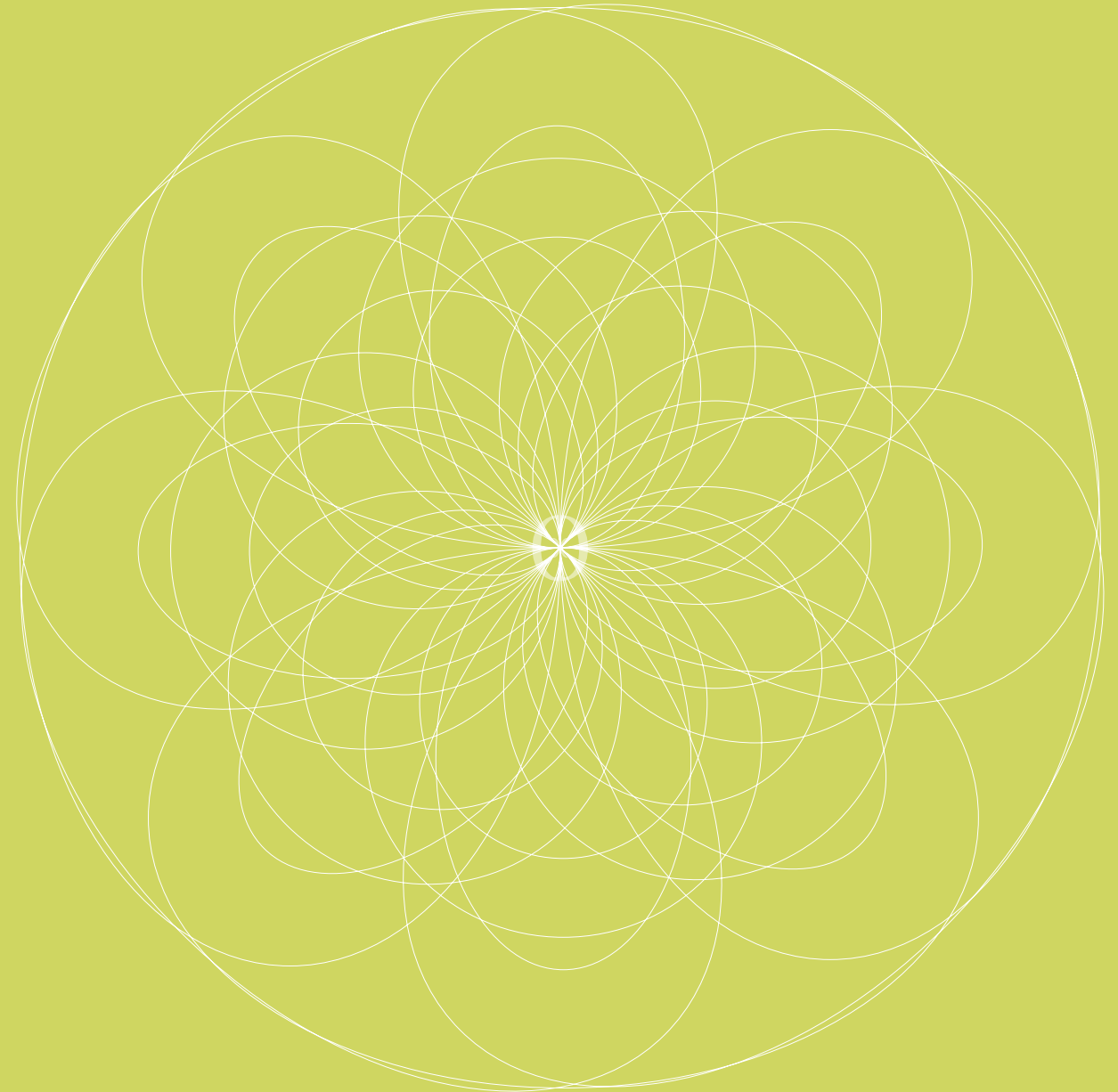
Our Society now stands on the threshold of dramatic new discoveries in the field of neuro-oncology. As we look to the future, the Society for Neuro-Oncology is uniquely positioned to support those on the front-lines of clinical care and research. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated membership and partner organizations, it is with optimism and confidence that we approach the next chapter in our history.

SNO thanks the following organizations who have generously and consistently supported the Society as Platinum Level Partners:

American Brain Tumor Association
EMD Serono
Genentech
Merck (Schering-Plough)
National Brain Tumor Society
Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
Sontag Foundation

SNO Foundation Board:

Edward G. Shaw, MD, *President*
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