



European Society  
for Medical Oncology



Sociedad Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Oncología Médica  
Latin American and Caribbean Society of Medical Oncology

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)** **ESMO – SLACOM**

### **I – Parties – ESMO-SLACOM**

#### **ESMO (European Society for Medical Oncology)**

The mission of the Society is:

- To improve the quality of prevention, diagnosis, treatment, supportive and palliative care, as well as the follow-up of patients with malignant disorders
- To advance the art, science, recognition, and practice of medical oncology
- To disseminate knowledge to cancer patients and the public
- To educate and train persons involved in clinical cancer care and research
- To promote education in medical oncology in order to ensure a high standard of qualification of medical oncologists
- To promote equal access to optimal cancer care of all cancer patients
- To maintain liaisons with other oncology specialties, cancer leagues, universities, patient groups, and, where appropriate, the pharmaceutical industry

#### **SLACOM (Sociedad Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Oncología Médica – Latin-American & Caribbean Society of Medical Oncology)**

Its corporate purposes are:

- To promote quality in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of malignant diseases.
- To carry out applied and basic investigations to comply with its purposes, for which it can execute agreements with other private or

public domestic and foreign entities. Exchange of experiences and knowledge in all fields related to Medical Sciences.

- To promote the highest standards of professionalism and efficiency in areas related to the medical field and healthcare specialists.
- To create throughout each national territory, and the region, where possible, branches and/or delegations that may become centers of high academic and study level.
- To take part in the promotion and/or organization of congresses, events, exhibitions and shows, and, in general, in everything related to practicing the profession, with the intention of increasing the dissemination of knowledge and techniques relevant to improving the development of the specialty.
- To create, within the scope of the Association, study centers and institutions specialized in the different aspects of the specialty in agreement with other related subjects of the art, science and practice of Medical Oncology.
- To promote, publish, and edit, with a non-profit scope, Esther alone, or in association with third parties, articles, notes, books, newspapers, brochures, magazines, and any material which may identify and inform about the Association's activities and purposes.
- To execute technical assistance agreements with governments and national, regional, international, provincial or municipal organisms, universities, professional representation associations, and other entities with similar purposes.
- To grant or perceive funds for education and/or improvement of human resource scholarships in the fields of study and research that pertain to the Association's purposes and for the benefit of its members.
- To organize, sponsor or hire the structures necessary to establish university careers, courses, symposiums and other academic activities.

## **II – Objectives**

ESMO-SLACOM will develop actions focused in:

- Cooperation
- Strength
- Synergy
- Coordination
- Development
- Optimization
- Efficiency

to carry out the purposes and objectives of both organizations with the common aim of fighting cancer worldwide.

**III – Strategies**

1. Recognition by SLACOM that ESMO is the leading institution for medical oncology worldwide.
2. Recognition by ESMO that SLACOM is the counterpart of ESMO in Latin America & the Caribbean.
3. Signing of an official agreement between both organizations stating the agreed cooperation and mutual assistance that are underlined under objective II.
4. A joint permanent Executive ESMO-SLACOM Board.
5. Approval of reciprocal membership.
6. Establishment of reciprocal 'in kind' services.
7. Five-year calendar of activities.

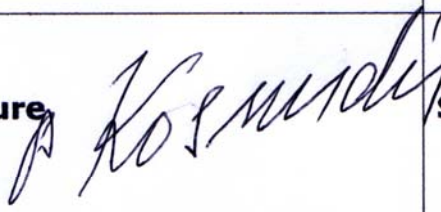

**Approval**

Approved during the  
ESMO Executive Committee Meeting 18-19 February 2005

Approved during the  
**SLACOM Board Meeting 24 February 2005**

**Signature**

Signed during the  
**ESMO-SLACOM meeting 14 May 2005, Orlando, Florida, USA**

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