Elsevier and International Society of Geriatric Oncology launch Journal of Geriatric Oncology

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Oxford, UK, 6 July, 2010 Elsevier, the world-leading publisher of scientific, technical and medical information products and services, and the International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) announced today the launch of the *Journal of Geriatric Oncology* (www.geriatriconcology.net [1]). The journal is focused on advancing research in the pathogenesis, biology, treatment, and survivorship issues of older adults with cancer. It covers all aspects of geriatric oncology, from basic scientific research through to clinical research, as well as research that is relevant to education and policy development.

"Older adults represent the majority of individuals with cancer, and the number of older individuals with cancer is growing as our society ages and life expectancy increases. Despite such a compelling need for geriatric oncology research, it has been challenging to disseminate this research into mainstream geriatric or oncology journals," said Dr Arti Hurria, Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Geriatric Oncology*.

Matti Aapro, Executive Director of SIOG and Founding Editor of the *Journal of Geriatric Oncology* noted, "It is imperative that chronologic age alone does not prevent senior adult patients from receiving treatment and care for their cancer, which is in line with best practice. To achieve this goal, there was clearly a need for a journal specialized in geriatric oncology. Thus, Elsevier and the International Society for Geriatric Oncology decided that it was time to launch the *Journal of Geriatric Oncology*, which should become the leading source of updated information in this complex area."

The Editorial Board is led by Editor-in-Chief, Arti Hurria, and Founding Editor, Matti Aapro. Dr Hurria is a geriatrician and oncologist, focusing on care of the older patient with cancer. She completed a geriatric fellowship in the Harvard Geriatric Fellowship Program, followed by a hematology-oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). Dr Hurria subsequently joined the faculty at MSKCC, and in 2006 joined the City of Hope as Director of the Cancer and Aging Research Program. Dr. Hurria is a cadre member of the Cancer and Leukemia Group B, Cancer in the Elderly Committee and is a recipient of the Paul Beeson Career Development Award in Aging Research (K23 AG026749-01) and American Society of Clinical Oncology-Association of Specialty Professors-Junior Development Award in Geriatric Oncology.

Dr Aapro is Dean of the Multidisciplinary Oncology Institute at the Clinique de Genolier in Genolier, Switzerland. In addition to his role as Executive Director of SIOG, Dr. Aapro is also an active member of several professional organizations. He is a Board member and past-President of the Multinational Association for Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) and a member and past-Chair of the Cancer in

the Elderly Task Force of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC).

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