

Ireland Hosts Major Gynaecological Cancer Meeting

- Over 1700 delegates from across the globe will be in attendance
- Lived experience of gynaecological cancer is central to the meeting

Tuesday 8th Oct 2024, Dublin. The Irish Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ISGO) and ISGO Public and Patient Involvement Group (ISGO-PPI) look forward to welcoming The International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) to the Convention Centre Dublin for its annual global scientific meeting on 16th to 18th Oct. This is the first time Ireland has hosted a global meeting in gynaecological oncology, bringing leading experts together from across disciplines. The meeting will encompass a diverse range of topics and perspectives, ensuring an in-depth exchange of ideas and knowledge of gynaecological oncology treatment including surgical oncology, medical oncology, radiation oncology, pathology, nursing, palliative care, prevention and global health.

Dr Dearbhaile Collins, President of ISGO said *“This is a fantastic opportunity for Ireland to host this prestigious meeting and to network with key opinion leaders in gynaecological oncology. The ISGO is an All-Ireland venture encompassing all gynaecological cancers and aims to advocate for patients through improvements in education, training and research. A number of networking events are being organised around the meeting including a dedicated nursing symposium”.*

The lived experience of a cancer diagnosis will be central at all plenary sessions of the meeting. Prof Donal Brennan, Chair local organising committee said *“The ISGO realises the importance of the lived experience of public and patient involvement (PPI) in research and has an active PPI group, ISGOPPI. Greater involvement can make a significant contribution to improving our health service and outcomes. The IGCS have been very supportive of this concept. The patient voice will be represented and heard throughout the meeting and The Laura Brennan Award for advocacy will be presented at the Presidential session.”*

A dedicated Survivor-Caregiver Advocacy Summit will be held on Oct 15th, prior to IGCS Meeting. This will be co-chaired by ISGOPPI representative and Laura Brennan Award 2023 recipient Bridget Carr. The summit provides education and networking opportunities to the gynaecological cancer patient advocacy community and is run by the IGCS advocacy arm, International Gynecologic Cancer Advocacy Network (IGCAN). This is open to patients and caregivers and is free

of charge. Bridget Carr said *“I am honoured to co-chair this important patient summit meeting and am delighted to see the lived experience of the patient being highlighted. The meeting will have the largest attendance to date since IGCAN began which is a reflection of the strong PPI community in gynaecological oncology in Ireland.”*

About ISGO: The ISGO is an All-Ireland society and comprises clinicians, nurses, scientists, pathologists and other health service professionals and patient advocates. The aim of the society is to improve clinical outcomes for women with and at risk of gynaecological cancers by focusing on the full continuum of cancer care; from prevention to diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and palliation. www.isgo.ie

About IGCS: Established in 1987 as a not-for-profit, the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) unites interdisciplinary members of the gynecologic cancer care team including gynecologic oncologists, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, pathologists, allied health providers, and other clinicians and researchers who devote their professional lives to gynecologic oncology research and patient care. www.igcs.org

Annual Global Meeting: [IGCS Annual Global Meeting in Gynecologic Oncology](#)

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