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PREFACE

Michael Platten, EANO President 2024-2026



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Dear EANO members, friends and colleagues,

With great pleasure, I report on an exciting and successful year for EANO, marking its 30th anniversary. A big thank you to all of you for your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work throughout the year and your support during my first few months as President. A particular thank you and congratulations go to our past-president, Susan Short, for a fantastic term as EANO President. The meeting in Glasgow was outstanding, thanks to Anthony Chalmers, our truly inspirational local host. I enjoyed meeting you and having many face-to-face discussions in between a vibrant scientific and educational program.

Thanks to a highly successful meeting in Rotterdam and thanks to increasing outreach activities through our seminars, the school, our partner societies, and on social media, the meeting in Glasgow 2024 had a record-breaking attendance of more than 1,200 participants. All of our committees have continued their hard work, creativity, and commitment in the last year, and you will find summary updates for each of them below.

A sincere thanks to all who have contributed to making the meeting such a success. I am grateful to all committee members whose terms have ended, and I would like to welcome all the new committee members. A special thank you to our early- and mid-career members, who carry a remarkable spirit of innovation and interaction into EANO and beyond.

We are already in full swing planning the next **EANO meeting in Prague, October 16-19, 2025**, and are supporting SNO in organizing the quadrennial **WFNOS meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, November 19-23, 2025**. After a highly successful launch, the EANO School will continue in 2025 with a new class, as will the EANO webinars. For the first time, EANO has launched the EANO Research Grant 2025. A call for applications has been issued. This EANO Research Grant is established to support EANO's mission to promote collaboration, education, and research to deliver impactful advancements in neuro-oncology, a field of significant public interest due to its focus on cancer research. I am looking forward to selecting high-quality research led by EANO members for funding from many applications.

EANO continues to grow its community and activities in an interactive, interdisciplinary, multiprofessional, and multinational fashion – a testament to this, which is nicely symbolized in the new EANO logo. I am very much looking forward to an exciting 2025 with many events and EANO meetings, but first and foremost, many interactions with members and friends of EANO. Together, we can make a difference in research, education, and for our patients.

Michael Platten

EANO President 2024-2026

EANO Executive and General Board Members 2024-2026

Executive Board 2024-2026

President: Michael Platten, DE
 Past-President: Susan Short, UK
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 Evangelia Razis, GR
 Lena Roselund, SE

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Florien Boele, UK
 Norbert Galldiks, DE
 Mihaela Lorgier, SLO/UK
 George Petrescu, RO
 Karin Piil, DK
 Matthias Preusser, AT
 Aleksí Sedo, CZ

30 YEARS OF EANO

Back in March, we proudly released a special article to commemorate the 30th anniversary of EANO. The editorial, titled *Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology*, was written by Michael Platten, Matthias Preusser, and Susan Short, and published in the journal *Neuro-Oncology*.

It reflects on three decades of dedication, innovation, and progress in our field. If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, we invite you to do so now by following the link [here](#).

EANO's transition into a new decade was also symbolized by the introduction of a new logo. With its vibrant design, the logo embodies EANO's founding vision: uniting professionals from diverse countries, backgrounds, and disciplines to improve the care of patients with nervous system tumors.

As we move forward into this exciting new era, let's continue to collaborate, innovate, and make meaningful progress together in the fight against neuro-oncological diseases.



Matthias Preusser, Susan Short, Michael Platten with the new EANO Logo © EANO

**30 YEARS
OF EANO**

DISPARITY COMMITTEE

The Disparity and Inclusion Committee, under the 2024 leadership of Karin Piil (DK), and Susan Short (UK), has monitored and ensured a balanced representation of the faculty of the annual EANO Meeting. We are delighted to announce outstanding gender representation at the EANO Meeting 2024, reflecting our commitment to diversity and inclusion. The event features a diverse mix of attendees from various career stages and specialities, ranging from newcomers to seasoned professionals with over 25 years of experience.

During the EANO meeting in 2024, our collaboration with the Scientific Committee resulted in organizing an engaging oral session: "Navigating fertility/pregnancy in patients with primary brain tumours". We were thrilled with the excellent turnout for this session, as a full room of engaged attendees listened attentively to presentations by the four invited speakers and three abstract presenters. The session had plenty of insightful questions to foster great scientific dialogue.

This year, we presented our inclusivity statement during the meeting to ensure everyone knows our commitment to fostering inclusive conferences. In the survey, nearly everyone agreed that EANO 2024 provides a welcoming and inclusive environment where they feel safe.

Also, we are proud to have awarded three Travel Scholarships 2024 to individuals from countries that have been underrepresented so far in EANO.

Surveys and results from our committee in 2024:

Collaborating with the Nurse and Allied Health Professionals Committee (NAC), we conducted an additional survey aimed at addressing disparities in access to neuro-oncology supportive care and rehabilitation services.

The paper was published in 2024:

Boele F, Rosenlund L, Nordentoft S, Melhuish S, Nicklin E, Rydén I, Williamson A, Donders-Kamphuis M, Preusser M, Le Rhun E, Kiesel B, Minniti G, Furtner J, Dirven L, Taphoorn M, Galldiks N, Rudà R, Chalmers A, Short SC, Piil K. **Inequalities in access to neuro-oncology supportive care and rehabilitation: A survey of healthcare professionals' perspectives.** *Neurooncol Pract.* 2024 Mar 15;11(4):484-493. doi: 10.1093/nop/npae023

Additionally, in collaboration with the Youngsters and the NAC, we previously organized a webinar titled 'Being a Good EANO Chair.' This initiative was further expanded in 2024 with an editorial in NOP:

Jan-Michael Werner, George E D Petrescu, Florian Boele, Matthias Preusser, Michael Platten, Anthony J Chalmers, Susan C Short, Karin Piil. **Chairing scientific sessions at international neuro-oncology meetings: An EANO guide for early-career professionals.** *Neuro-Oncology Practice*, Volume 11, Issue 6, December 2024, Pages 673–676, <https://doi.org/10.1093/nop/npae060>

Further, and in collaboration with the Youngsters, the NAC and the EANO president(s), we ran an observational survey on the chairing roles during EANO 2024 sessions. The survey findings will be submitted for publication in 2025. This effort is led by Jan-Michael Werner (DE), George Petrescu (RO), Florian Boele (UK), and Karin Piil (DK).

We strongly support the NAC's initiative to establish a patient advocacy group within EANO.

Additionally, the committee contributes valuable insights on diversity and inclusion matters to the Executive Board. Thanks to all the members who have worked on our strategies. We are pleased to announce that the Committee has appointed Barbara Kiesel (Austria) as the next chair from 2025 after the EANO 2025 meeting.

Looking ahead to 2025, we now introduce a new composition of dedicated members, ready to work toward advancing the committee's mission with renewed focus and enthusiasm.

Disparity Committee composition 2024-2025

Chair: Karin Piil, DK

Past-chair: Susan Short, UK

Next-chair: Barbara Kiesel, AT

Mayen Briggs, UK

Julia Furtner-Srajer, AT

Caroline Hertler, CH

Miarka Lauirtz, DE (Youngster Representative)

Julio Plata-Bello, ES

Evangelia Razis, GR

Anastasia Vernadou, GR

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Educational Committee under the leadership of Stephen Price (Committee Chair 2022-2024), together with the EORTC Brain Tumor Group, has developed the Educational Day program at the EANO annual Meeting. This very active committee has also developed and implemented numerous innovative projects, such as the Mentorship program with the second round ongoing. They have also created an online educational curriculum in Neuro-Oncology "EANO School of Neuro-Oncology", which started the second 2-year cycle in October 2024 with an in-person kick-off day in Glasgow. 2024 has also seen the re-launch of the 'Foundations in Neuro-oncology Seminars' that took place in Warsaw. 2025 will see two new initiatives: educational event focusing on Molecular Tumor Board, funded by Servier Grant for Education, and EANO fellowship in neuro-oncology. As the term of many of its committee members came to an end, EANO wishes to express its deepest thanks to its leaving committee members. Several new members have joined the committee since the General Assembly 2024 and Mihaela Lorgeter has taken over as committee chair until 2026. The newly elected next chair is Matthijs van der Meulen.

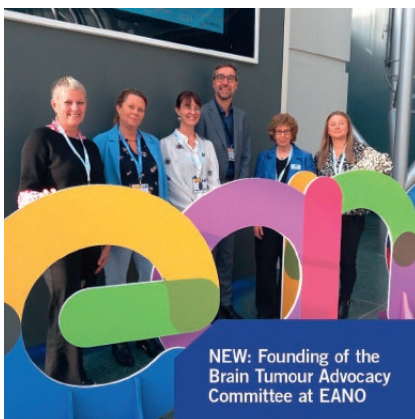
Educational Committee composition 2024-2025

Chair: Mihaela Lorgeter, UK/SLO
 Past-chair: Stephen Price, UK
 Matthijs van der Meulen, NL
 Filip De Vos, NL
 Pinelopi Gkogkou, UK
 Laetitia Lebrun, BL
 Lena Rosenlund, SE
 Roberta Rudà, IT
 Mehdi Touat, FR
 Anouk van der Hoorn, NL
 Carlos Velásquez, ES
 Iris Verploegh, NL (Youngster Representative)



Educational Committee © Private archive

BRAIN TUMOR ADVOCACY COMMITTEE



Brain Tumor Advocacy Committee © EANO

Building on positive experiences and aiming to foster a culture based on shared knowledge, values, and collaboration, EANO seeks to enhance the effectiveness of its committees by actively involving patients and caregivers. Over the course of the year, members of the NAC and Disparity Committees worked alongside two experienced patient representatives to establish a dedicated Brain Tumor Advocacy Committee within EANO. Members of the Brain Tumor Advocacy Committee will also be co-opted onto other EANO committees or projects, ensuring that patient and caregiver perspectives, experiences, and relevance contribute to the improved development and design of EANO's activities. The Brain Tumor Advocacy Committee was launched at the General Assembly in Glasgow. Applications for committee membership will open in spring 2025, inviting patients and caregivers with experience in CNS tumors and patient advocacy to apply. A chair will be elected from within the committee to represent it on the EANO Board.

GUIDELINES COMMITTEE

The Guidelines Committee continued its work of developing and updating guidelines and evidence-based recommendations in the field of neuro-oncology throughout 2024, some of them in cooperation with other societies such as SNO, ESMO or EURACAN. The goal is to improve and to homogenize the management of patients with brain tumors across centers.

In 2024, the following guideline and recommendations were published, among others:

Albert NL, Preusser M, Traub-Weidinger T, Tolboom N, Law I, Palmer JD, Guedj E, Furtner J, Fraioli F, Huang RY, Johnson DR, Deroose CM, Herrmann K, Vogelbaum M, Chang S, Tonn JC, Weller M, Wen PY, van den Bent MJ, Verger A, Ivanidze J, Galldiks N.

Joint EANM/EANO/RANO/SNMMI practice guideline/procedure standards for diagnostics and therapy (theragnostic) of meningiomas using radiolabeled somatostatin receptor ligands: version 1.0

Eur J Nucl Med Mol Imaging. 2024 Oct;51(12):3662-3679. doi: 10.1007/s00259-024-06783-x. PMID: 38898354

Turner MC, Radzikowska U, Ferastraoararu DE, Pascal M, Wesseling P, McCraw A, Backes C, Bax HJ, Bergmann C, Bianchini R, Cari L, de Las Vecillas L, Izquierdo E, Lind-Holm Mogensen F, Michelucci A, Nazarov PV, Niclou SP, Nocentini G, Ollert M, Preusser M, Rohr-Udilova N, Scafidi A, Toth R, Van Hemelrijck M, Weller M, Jappe U, Escribese MM, Jensen-Jarolim E, Karagiannis SN, Poli A.

AllergoOncology: Biomarkers and refined classification for research in the allergy and glioma nexus -- A joint EAACI-EANO position paper.

Allergy. 2024 Jun;79(6):1419-1439. doi: 10.1111/all.15994. Epub 2024 Jan 24. PMID: 38263898

Sahm F, Bertero L, Brandner S, Capper D, Goldbrunner R, Jenkinson MD, Kalamarides M, Lamszus K, Albert NL, Mair MJ, Berghoff AS, Mawrin C, Wirsching HG, Maas SL, Raleigh DR, Reifenberger G, Schweizer L, Suwala AK, Tabatabai G, Tabouret E, Short S, Wen PY, Weller M, Le Rhun E, Wesseling P, van den Bent M, Preusser M.

EANO guideline on molecular testing of meningiomas for targeted therapy selection.

Neuro Oncol. 2024 Nov 22;noae253. doi: 10.1093/neuonc/noae253. PMID: 39577862

For 2025, the committee has planned to update the glioma guidelines. The committee is also working on several new guidelines on a broad range of topics including brain metastasis, meningiomas, and several other aspects on systemic pharmacotherapy, radiotherapy, surgery, radiology, nuclear medicine, and supportive care for patients with CNS tumors. Some of these projects are being conducted in collaboration with partner societies such as ESTRO, EANS, EANM, and EAACI.

Importantly, on the EANO website, a list of these very informative guidelines are readily available (www.eano.eu/publications/eano-guidelines).

Guidelines Committee composition 2024-2025

Chair: Emilie Le Rhun, CH

Past-chair: Matthias Preusser, AT

Petter Brandal, NL

Johnny Duerinck, BE

Enrico Franceschi, IT

Julia Furtner-Srajer, AT

Norbert Galldiks, DE

Marjolein Geurts, NL

Giuseppe Lombardi, IT

Christian Mawrin, DE

Evangelia Razis, GR

Mirjam Renovanz, DE

Susan Short, UK

Philipp Sievers, DE

Emeline Tabouret, FR

Felix Ehret, DE (Youngster Representative)

NURSE & ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE (NAC)

2024 marks the 4-year anniversary of this committee. In these past years, we have built a robust network of nurses and allied health professionals fostering inspiration and numerous impactful projects.

Nurse and Allied Health Professionals Education Day Track

Our EANO 2024 education day in Glasgow was a great success. The day included 15 invited speakers from 7 countries, with 62 registered attendees. Topics included radiotherapy and patient profiles, support needs of children and AYA's, managing neuropsychiatric changes and fear of recurrence. The tumor board session was jointly chaired by Karin Piil and included our NAC representative Lena Rosenlund. We held our second EANO NAC dinner which was sponsored by Novocure. The dinner was open to all EANO attendees with a nursing/AHP background. A total of 59 colleagues from 15 countries attended. Our Nursing and AHP education track will have a new name next year; the Supportive Care track will go live in 2025!



NAC Dinner © Private archive

Nurse and Allied Health Professionals Awards

EANO 2024 showcased outstanding research from our nursing and AHP members. The NAC committee was delighted to honour members for their exceptional research contributions.

Investigator travel scholarship for outstanding science for nurse/AHP members were awarded to Dianne Legge from Australia, Sarah Braun from the USA, Monique Baas-Thijssen and Fia Cialdella both from the Netherlands. NAC members were given the opportunity to apply for a travel scholarship to attend EANO 2024 in Glasgow; Sara Melhuish and Isabelle Ryden were successful. A special congratulations to Linda Douw who was awarded the Nurse and AHP Research Award 2024.



Collaborative projects

The NAC committee is extremely proud of the number of successful collaborative projects.

Some of the highlights from 2024 include:

NAC & Disparity Committee

In 2023, the NAC and Disparity Committee undertook a survey on supportive and rehabilitation services within neuro-oncology. The survey results gave us an insight into barriers and facilitators to screening and referral to rehabilitation, supportive and palliative care services. Our paper 'Inequalities in access to neuro-oncology supportive care and rehabilitation: A survey of healthcare professional's perspectives' was published in *Neuro-Oncology in Practice* in March 2024.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/nop/npae023>

NAC, Disparity Committee and Youngsters Committee

'*Charing scientific sessions at international neuro-oncology meetings: An EANO guide for early-career professionals*' was published in *Neuro-Oncology in Practice* in December 2024. This collaboration between disciplines summarises the core tasks involved in charing and provides advice regarding common issues that may arise for EANO members undertaking the charing role.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/nop/npae060>

This group undertook a shared project at EANO 2024: observing the chairs' introductions of speakers and management of sessions during the EANO 2024 conference. The results of this project will be shared in 2025.

Social media

Our LinkedIn group for Nurses and Healthcare Professionals with an Interest in Neuro-Oncology has seen a significant increase in members, up from 173 in 2023 to 259 members in 2024.

Lena Rosenlund and Aoife Williamson are the NAC representatives on the new Social Media task force. This was created to increase the visibility of EANO's Social Media activities and help promote and report on the EANO meeting.

NAC Committee composition 2024-2025

Chair: Florian Boele, UK

Past-chair: Karin Piil, DK

Future-chair: Aoife Williamson, UK

Marika Donders-Kamphuis, NL

Sharon Fernandez, UK

Sara Melhuish, UK

Sara Marie Juel Nordentoft, DK

Matthias Preusser, AT

Lena Rosenlund, SE

Isabelle Rydén, SE

Helle Sørensen von Essen, DK

Giulia Sprugnoli, IT (Youngster Representative)

PUBLICATION ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

The Publishing Activity Committee supports the Executive Board of EANO and consists of Editors that represent EANO in the following journals: Neuro-Oncology, Neuro-Oncology Practice and Neuro-Oncology Advances. All these journals are published by Oxford University Press (OUP).

The flagship journal Neuro-Oncology is owned by the US partner of EANO, the Society of Neuro-Oncology (SNO), with EANO as a minority shareholder. Furthermore, Neuro-Oncology is the official journal of the SNO, the Japan Society for Neuro-Oncology (JSNO), the EANO, and the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies (WFNOS).

The main tasks of the committee are to ensure scientific representation and strategic orientation of EANO in these journals, providing a link between EANO and the journal publisher and promoting the publication activities within the EANO membership.

The committee consists of the Editors (i.e., Associate Editors, Executive Editors, and possibly Editor-in-Chief) in the various publication sectors, the President, the Treasurer, and the Past President.

EANO, together with the Society for Neuro-Oncology (SNO), is thrilled to launch Neuro-Oncology Pediatrics, a new journal dedicated to advancing care and research for pediatric brain and spinal cord tumors.

Publication Activity Committee composition 2024-2025

Chair: Norbert Galldiks, DE
 Past-chair: Martin Taphoorn, NL
 Florian Boele, UK
 Francois Ducray, FR
 Monika Hegi, CH
 Johan A.F. Koekkoek, NL
 Katrin Lamszus, DE
 Giuseppe Minniti, IT
 Matthias Preusser, AT
 Susan Short, UK
 Riccardo Soffiatti, IT
 Felix Sahm, DE
 Patrick Roth, CH
 Wolfgang Wick, DE
 Karin Piil, DK
 Abigail Suwala, DE
 Manuel Valiente, ES
 Philipp Lohmann, DE
 Michael Platten, DE
 Ghazaleh Tabatabai, DE

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Scientific Committee with the support of the Educational Committee, the Youngsters Committee and the Disparity Committee supervises and coordinates the scientific program of the annual EANO Meetings. The main functions of the scientific committee are to recruit invited speakers, prepare the scientific program, review and select abstracts submitted for the conference, administer nominations for awards recognizing significant contributions to neuro-oncology. The EANO collaborates with other national and international scientific organizations to ensure that the meeting increases the visibility of the progress made in the field of Neuro-Oncology and meets the quality criteria required of the Society as a provider of continuing medical education. The Scientific Committee contributes to EANO's webinar program designed to continuously provide high-quality scientific content to EANO members throughout the year, including the "Best of SNO-EANO" webinar, highlighting the remarks of EANO and SNO annual conferences since 2022. Overall, the quality of the program of EANO 2024 has been very well received by the EANO members as measured by the records both in number of attendants and abstracts presented. This is the result of the sustained efforts during last years to make a continuously increasing attractive conference by combining recent clinical and scientific developments, attracting top speakers in the field of Neuro-Oncology and providing the ideal platform to present the work of not only established clinicians/ researchers but also the many trainees attending to EANO.

Scientific Committee composition 2024-2025

Chair: Giuseppe Minniti, IT
 Past-chair: Manuel Valiente, ES
 Anna Berghoff, AT
 Thomas Booth, UK
 Anna Golobiewska, LU
 Linda Douw, NL
 Gaetano Gargiulo, DE
 Dieter Henrik Heiland, DE
 Maximilian Mair, AT (Youngster Representative)
 Asgeir Jakola, SE
 Estela Pineda Losada, ES
 Michael Platten, DE (EANO President)
 Anneli Ozanne, SE
 Felix Sahm, DE
 Roman Sankowski, DE
 Aleksí Sedo, CZ (EANO Meeting President 2025)
 Luca Tiberi, IT
 Georg Widhalm, AT

YOUNGSTERS COMMITTEE

The Youngsters Committee (George Petrescu, RO (chair); Francesco Bruno, IT; Felix Ehret, DE; Antonio C. Fuentes-Fayos, ES/USA; Maximilian Mair, AT; Maximilian Mastall, CH; Lauritz Miarka, DE; Giulia Sprugnoli, IT; Andrada Turcas, RO; Iris Verploegh, NL; Jan M. Werner, DE (Past-Chair); and Emilie Le Rhun, CH (Mentor Executive Board)) is continuously committed to representing the interests of young clinicians and scientists in the field of neuro-oncology and is working on a dedicated Youngsters Track at the scientific meeting of EANO and the Educational Day.

Several successful projects were undertaken by the EANO Youngsters Committee in 2024. The Youngsters scientific track was highly appreciated during the 19th EANO Meeting in Glasgow. This year, the Pro & Con Session moderated by Franziska Ippen and Jan-Michael Werner, was once again well received by the audience and had a wide reach. We would like to express our gratitude for the engaging debate provided by the speakers (Marjolein Geurts, Benedikte Hasselbalch, Tobias Kessler, Tobias Weiss, Patrick Roth, and Gelareh Zadeh) and would like to congratulate them as recipients of our Youngsters Medals.

The “How to keep up with AI” workshop guided the participants through the latest advances in artificial intelligence in the fields of histopathology and imaging. We are grateful for the collaboration between EANO Youngsters and SIOP which resulted in a great session entitled “Uniting frontiers against pediatric and adult brain tumors”.

The “Mentoring Workshop” was again a success this year, with a focus on the “Start of something new”, covering successful publishing in basic, translational and clinical science as well as successful grant writing. We thank our involved researchers Dieter Henrik Heiland, Michael Weller, Michael Platten, Mariella Filbin, Emeline Tabouret and Susan Chang. Moreover, we thank our highly appreciated Editors Ulrike Harjes (Nature Medicine), Alexia-Ileana Zaromytidou (Nature Cancer), Sara Hamilton (Cell Reports Medicine), Kathy Miller (Journal of Clinical Oncology). Based on the continuous success of this session in the past two years, we are planning on expanding the reach and topics for the next EANO Meeting in Prague in 2025.

Speaking of “starting something new”, the EANO Youngsters Journal Club (EANO-Y-JC) also commenced in 2024. This interactive webinar series is specifically targeting Youngsters and aims to discuss the latest science in a friendly atmosphere. At each session, recent publications spanning from basic to clinical science are discussed by both Youngsters and experts in the field. In 2024, three diverse webinar sessions were held, covering IDH inhibitors, the epigenetic evolution of gliomas over time, and CAR-T cell approaches in glioma. We would like to thank our working party members Maximilian Mair (head, AT), Umberto Arcidiacono (IT), Alba Correll (SE), Angelo Dipasquale (IT), Antonio Fuentes-Fayos (ES/USA), and Tanja Müller (DE), and all speakers and discussants involved.



EANO Youngsters Committee © Private archive

According to online evaluations, the EANO-Y-JC is very well received, reaching also a significant share of participants outside Europe. Further sessions are being planned.

In the end, we would like to thank the members leaving the committee (Jan-Michael Werner, DE; Barbara Kiesel, AT; Franziska Ippen, DE; and Sharon Berendsen, NL) for their hard work and dedication. As a result, we had the difficult task of selecting four new members from a high number of great applications. This was done through an independent and objective rating process by the active members of the Youngsters Committee based on the applicants' CV and project proposals, while considering an equal gender balance, clinicians and basic scientists, and geographic spread. Charing the newly formed committee will be George Petrescu (RO).

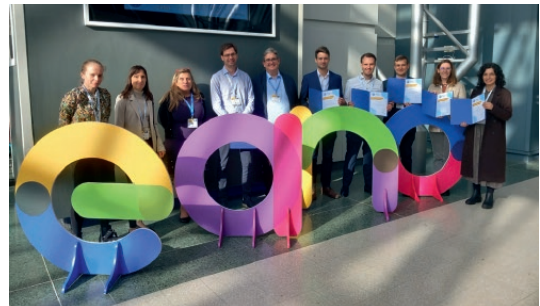
The new representatives on the **EANO Committees 2024-2026** are:

- Educational Committee: Iris Verploegh (NL)
- Scientific Committee: Maximilian Mair (AT)
- Guidelines Committee: Felix Ehret (DE)
- Disparity Committee: Lauritz Miarka (DE)
- Nurses and Allied Health Professionals Committee: Giulia Sprugnoli (IT)
- EANO Board: George Petrescu (RO)

EANO ACTIVITIES

EANO School of Neuro-Oncology

EANO school of Neuro-Oncology is a two-year in-depth course in the field, taught virtually over seven weekends. The first cycle, involving 10 hours of teaching per weekend and concluding with a multiple-choice self-evaluation test, started in October 2022, and was successfully completed with the final test in summer 2024. The second cycle, which has seen the number of its participants doubling, started with an in-person kick-off day in Glasgow in October 2024. Seven further modules will follow in 2025-26, with number of teaching hours per weekend increased from 10 to 12, focusing on Basic and Translational Research, Gliomas, Extra axial tumors and CNS lymphoma, Pediatric Neuro-Oncology, Rare primary CNS tumors in children and adults, Metastases in the CNS, and Supportive care. EANO is pleased and proud to see the alumni of the first EANO school cycle contributing to the second round of EANO school as weekend chairs and co-organizers. Dan Mitrea won the best student award, which was given to him during the EANO Meeting in Glasgow.



EANO School of Neuro-Oncology 2022-2024 Alumni © EANO



EANO School of Neuro-Oncology 2024-2026 Kick-Off Day © EANO

EANO Mentorship Program

The EANO Educational Committee had launched in the spring of 2022 its first round and six applicants were matched to six volunteer mentors from different fields in Neuro-Oncology. The plan was for the mentee to conceive of a specific project and develop it in collaboration with the mentor, over the course of the year, the idea being that the skills for developing a project will be taught through this collaborative effort. The first round of mentors/mentees collaboration has finished with the EANO Meeting in Rotterdam 2023.

After a formal assessment of the program, it has now been relaunched in the fall of 2023. Once again a list of volunteer mentors among EANO members was created, and followed by a call for mentees. Each mentee has to be an EANO member and is allowed to propose the mentor of their preference from the available list of mentors. In total 7 mentor-mentee pairs have been created and started in February 2024. A survey of these pairings suggested successful working with a number of new projects that the pairs are working on.

In 2025, the Educational Committee expects to relaunch the programme for its third wave. We are keen to develop non-medical mentorships, particularly amongst the nursing and allied health care community.

EANO Seminars 2024: Foundations in Neuro-Oncology

The EANO Seminars (previously called the EANO Winter/ Summer School) is an educational event that aims to provide an update on the recent advances in the pathogenesis and management of CNS tumors with particular attention devoted to the application in clinical practice. EANO Seminars in Warsaw were held in March 2024. It included lectures and case-based workshops, and was aimed to attract scientists, physicians and healthcare professionals involved in diagnosis and treatment of brain tumors, with a focus on junior staff from all over Europe.

The next round of EANO seminars is planned for spring 2026. EANO is currently seeking applicants to host this event, with the deadline for applications in January 2025. Priority will be given to locations that normally do not host the EANO Meetings.

Social Media Interest Group

EANO continues to expand its presence across various social media platforms, reflecting the growing interest in our society. Currently, we are active on X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. Following the ownership changes at X and the resulting shifts in user dynamics, we have observed a significant increase in engagement on LinkedIn. Notably, the number of LinkedIn followers has doubled over the past year (as of December 12, 2024). In late October 2024, we also launched a channel on Bluesky, a promising alternative to X with a similar format. While it may take some time to reach the impressive milestone of 4,000 followers there, we are committed to expanding our presence on this platform and engaging with our community. We encourage all members who are active on social media to explore Bluesky and follow us there.

EANO's social media channels serve as a hub for updates on webinars, calls for submissions, statements, polls, anniversaries, and activities surrounding the annual meeting. A new initiative, launched in October 2024, is the creation of a Social Media Editorial Team dedicated to curating scientific content. Under the hashtag #EANOessentials, noteworthy publications in the field of neuro-oncology are now being featured.

We look forward to connecting with our members on social media.

FOLLOW US!



Report on EANO Journals for 2024

In the following journals, members of the EANO have roles as Executive Editors, Associate Editors, and Editorial Board Members to represent EANO interests: *Neuro-Oncology*, *Neuro-Oncology Practice* and *Neuro-Oncology Advances*.

The flagship journal, *Neuro-Oncology*, led by Editor-in-Chief Susan Chang, saw an increase in its impact factor from 15.9 to a record-high 16.4 in the 2024 *Journal Citation Reports*.

Neuro-Oncology's sister journal, *Neuro-Oncology Advances* (founding Editor-in-Chief Gelareh Zadeh), published in partnership with the EANO, also saw a positive impact factor increase in 2024, rising from 3.5 to 3.7.

Neuro-Oncology Practice, also published in partnership with EANO, was assigned a very respectable impact factor score of 2.4. Importantly, the journal's SCOPUS Cite Score increased to 5.3, up from 4.9. Martin Taphoorn is the current Editor-in-Chief and is EANO member.

In 2025, the journal *Neuro-Oncology Pediatrics* will be launched as the fourth title in the Neuro-Oncology family of journals, with an anticipated publication date in mid-2025. Sabine Mueller has been selected to serve as the inaugural Editor-in-Chief.

Jointly owned by SNO and EANO, this new journal will provide a multidisciplinary forum for the dissemination of basic science, translational research, and clinical trial findings on the topic of pediatric neuro-oncology.

EANO Career Boost Initiative (CBI)

The Career Boost Initiative (CBI), founded by Marjolein Geurts (NL), Philipp Lohmann (DE), Dan Mitrea (RO), Matthijs van der Meulen (NL), and Johnny Duerinck (BE), aims to support emerging physicians and researchers in neuro-oncology as they work towards scientific and clinical independence. In 2024, CBI took its first significant steps. The needs of these emerging professionals were assessed, and a vision and strategy to address them were outlined in a position paper. (1) To support these needs, CBI hosted a session on leadership skills and a knowledge forum designed to foster networking. Both were well attended and received positive feedback. Additionally, the first CBI social event, which featured an inspiring talk by a science communicator, further solidified the initiative's presence, facilitating excellent networking opportunities. The event was highly appreciated, motivating the CBI team to continue supporting the next generation in neuro-oncology at future EANO meetings.



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1. Philipp Lohmann, Johnny Duerinck, Matthijs van der Meulen, Dan Mitrea, Susan Short, Marjolein Geurts. Empowering the next generation in neuro-oncology: Introduction of the EANO Career Boost Initiative Neurooncol Adv. 2024 Oct 3;6(1):vdae167. doi: 10.1093/noajnl/vdae167. eCollection 2024 Jan-Dec.

EANO Awards 2024



*EANO Awardees 2024, from left to right: **Anthony Chalmers**, EANO 2024 Meeting President; **Susan Short**, EANO President 2022-2024; **Martin van den Bent**, Leadership Award; **Emilie Le Rhun**, Diversity and Inclusion Award; **Iker Ausejo Mauleón**, Youngster Award; **Linda Douw**, EANO Nurse & Allied Health Professional Research Award; **Dan Mitrea**, EANO School of Neuro-Oncology Best Student Award; **Henrik Heiland on behalf of Franz Ricklefs**, Research Award; and **Manuel Valiente**, Scientific Committee Chair 2022-2024 © EANO*

- EANO Congress Award 2024:
 - ◇ EANO Congress Award 2024 - EANO Best Oral Presentation Award for Basic research: Alexander Pietras
 - ◇ EANO Congress Award 2024 - EANO Best Oral Presentation Award for Translational research: Bridget Holle
 - ◇ EANO Congress Award 2024 - EANO Best Oral Presentation Award for Clinical research: Christopher Moertel
 - ◇ EANO Congress Award 2024 - EANO Best Oral Presentation Award for Supportive care & quality of life research: Heidrun Golla

EANO Leadership Award 2024



Martin J. van den Bent © Private archive

EANO is very proud to have presented Martin J. van den Bent with the EANO Leadership Award 2024.

Martin J. van den Bent is a distinguished neurologist who has made significant contributions to Neuro-Oncology. He joined the Neuro-Oncology Unit at Erasmus MC Cancer Centre in Rotterdam in 1992 and served as Professor of Neuro-Oncology at Erasmus University from 2007 to 2024.

As a principal investigator in numerous international trials, he has significantly contributed to the standard of care for glioma patients. He has held key roles, including Chair of the EORTC Brain Tumour Group (2003–2009), President of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology (2018–2020), and Chair of the EANO Guideline Committee (2020–2022). He has received multiple honors, including the SNO Excellence in Clinical Research Awards and the 2015 European Cancer Organisation Clinical Research Award.

Martin J. van den Bent also organized the EORTC-EANO-ESMO Trends in CNS Malignancies (2006–2015) and presided over the 2023 EANO Annual Congress in Rotterdam. Following his retirement in 2024, he continues to serve as Chair of the EORTC Protocol Review Committee.

EANO Research Award of the Year 2024

The study *A Prognostic Neuronal Epigenetic Signature in High-Grade Gliomas* by Drexler et al. (F.L. Ricklefs, senior author), published in *Nature Medicine*, identifies a neuronal signature in glioblastomas that predicts patient survival. This groundbreaking research highlights how neural-tumour interactions drive glioma growth and demonstrates the epigenetic characteristics of these tumours, including hypomethylated CpG sites and upregulated synaptic-related genes. The study reveals that high-neuronal glioblastomas contain malignant stem cell-like cells of neuronal origin, and their increased functional connectivity is linked to poorer survival outcomes.

This pioneering work is the first to identify a neural epigenetic signature as a prognostic marker in high-grade gliomas, opening new avenues for understanding tumour progression and potential therapeutic strategies. Clinically significant is that high neuronal glioblastomas require more extensive surgical interventions for better outcomes and the potential for brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) plasma biomarker. It also underscores the value of interdisciplinary collaboration in translating machine learning approaches to clinical applications.

This year marks the first time the EANO Research Award is being presented with a cash prize of EUR 5,000 recognizing the exceptional impact of this study on the field of Neuro-Oncology.



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Young Investigator Travel Scholarships 2024

For the EANO 2024 Meeting, we supported thirteen EANO members by providing free registration, as well as reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses.

Congratulations to the recipients of the EANO Young Investigator Travel Scholarship 2024: Szabolcs David, Maud Landers-Wouters, Alice Laurence, Katharina Müller, Christoph Oster, Alberto Picca, Stephen Robinson, and Yahaya Yabo.

Additionally, we extend our congratulations to the recipients of the Investigator Travel Scholarship for Outstanding Science awarded to EANO allied health professionals and nurse members: Monique Baas-Thijssen, Sarah Braun, Fia Cialdella, and Dianne Legge.



Xie Xujun © Private archive

EANO International Outreach Scholarship 2024

EANO has also awarded its International Outreach Scholarship to promote Neuro-Oncology in countries outside of Europe, where institutional support for attending EANO Meetings is less common.

EANO is proud to have supported **Xie Xujun** from China for her abstract entitled *"MYCN amplification predicted a worse prognosis in patients with lower-grade IDH-mutant gliomas and was related to the epithelioid histological features"*.

Congratulation to the recipients of the Investigator Travel Scholarships to attend the SNO annual meeting

EANO wishes to support the participation of EANO members at the international meeting of our partner society, Society for Neuro-oncology (SNO). This Travel Scholarship facilitates EANO members, who have been selected based on high quality abstracts, to attend the SNO Meeting. The recipients for 2024 were Florian Boele and Thiébaud Picart.

EANO 2024 recap and future Meetings

The annual **19th Meeting of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology (EANO 2024)** took place from October 17-20, 2024, in Glasgow, the largest city in Scotland, renowned for its friendly atmosphere and its proximity to the natural beauty and grandeur of the Scottish landscape.

EANO 2024 welcomed a record-breaking attendance of over 1,200 participants from around the world and EANO is proud of a balanced gender participation at the meeting: 52% female and 48% male. A big thank you to all EANO committees, task forces, and initiatives involved in the preparation of this meeting. EANO greatly values your hard work and dedication to the EANO community!

The 2024 meeting kicked off with an Educational Day offering specialized tracks for basic scientists, clinicians, nurses and allied health professionals. The Educational Day was followed by a three-day scientific program, where the latest findings from all fields of neuro-oncology were presented by 112 speakers. 89 oral abstracts, 26 oral pitches and 400 poster presentations were selected from more than 600 submitted abstracts. EANO awarded a variety of honors to outstanding neuro-oncologists and provided numerous travel scholarships to young scientists.

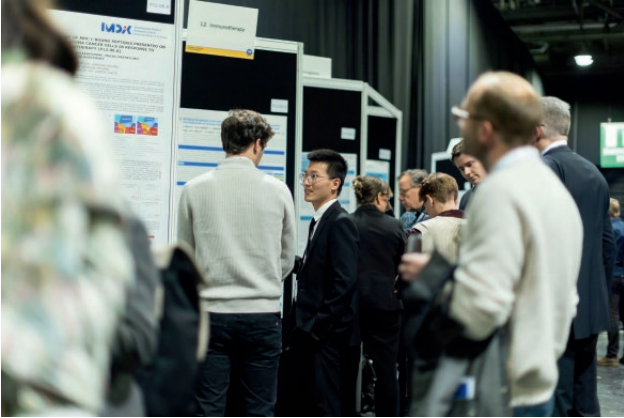
This year's EANO Meeting was particularly special as we celebrated the 30th anniversary of EANO. To commemorate this milestone, we launched a dedicated website reflecting on the association's first three decades, showcasing key achievements, founding members, past presidents, and other significant developments EANO is proud of. On behalf of the EANO Board Members, we hope you all enjoyed EANO 2024 and look forward to welcoming you next October in Prague!



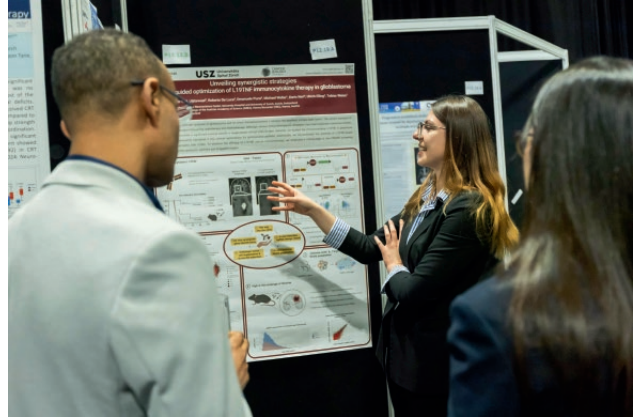
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EANO MEETING 2025

Aleksi Sedo and Michael Platten

Dear EANO members, colleagues and friends,

The **20th Meeting of the European Association of Neuro-Oncology (EANO 2025)** will be held in **Prague (Czech Republic)**. Its stunning architecture and rich history provide an inspiring backdrop that fosters creativity and collaboration. The city's blend of Gothic cathedrals, Baroque palaces, and modern amenities creates a unique atmosphere that engages attendees both intellectually and aesthetically. Prague's central location in Europe makes it easily accessible for international participants, enhancing global attendance. The city's vibrant culture, delicious cuisine, and famous hospitality ensure that delegates feel welcomed and energized. Attendees can bond over a leisurely stroll along the Vltava River or enjoy a traditional Czech meal. With its captivating ambiance and world-class facilities, Prague not only facilitates meaningful discussions but also leaves a lasting impression on all who visit.

The annual EANO meeting will kick off with a multiprofessional interdisciplinary **Educational Day with separate tracks on Thursday, October 16** and the **main scientific program will commence on Friday, October 17**. The congress fosters exchange and collaboration between all stakeholders at all career stages in the field of neuro-oncology with student and professional experts in clinical and basic neuro-oncology, neurosurgery, neuropathology, neuroradiology and radiation oncology as well as nursing and other allied health professionals. It aims to bring together scientific and clinical expertise to bridge gaps in our understanding and management of nervous system tumors.

EANO is Europe's multidisciplinary neuro-oncology organisation representing all medical and scientific disciplines involved in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of tumors of the central and peripheral nervous system. The successful 2024 EANO meeting in Glasgow attracted **more than 1200 participants** from all continents and was very highly rated!

During the congress, speakers from across the globe will present the latest clinical trial outcomes, highlight key innovations in neuro-oncology as well as advances in basic and translational science and will discuss how to promote patient care.

Save the date for Europe's largest neuro-oncology congress that attracts participants from all over the world!

Aleksi Sedo

EANO Meeting President 2025

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November 19-23, 2025, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

The World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies was established with the goal of providing an international platform for education and research in the field of neuro-oncology through interorganizational collaboration.

The Charter Members of the World Federation of Neuro-Oncology Societies are the Asian Society for Neuro-Oncology, the European Association of Neuro-Oncology and the Society for Neuro-Oncology. The Federation seeks to promote the development of the field of neuro-oncology by elevating and sustaining the education of all healthcare professionals involved in neuro-oncology, and by encouraging mutual fellowship, goodwill, and scientific collaboration among physicians and scientists actively involved in the field of neuro-oncology worldwide.

Chas Haynes

Executive Director of SNO



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