

CommNETS



Commonwealth Neuroendocrine Tumour Collaboration

2016 Annual Meeting Honolulu 2 – 3 December

Meeting Summary



The buzz at the 2016 meeting was palpable! Once again, CommNETS members from Australia, New Zealand and Canada met with enthusiasm and gusto and were fully engaged in the working collaboration, meeting all expectations and beyond!

The meeting commenced with a summary of the 2016 achievements which include:

- Formalized CommNETs entity with AGITG/CCTG
- Website
- Working groups / projects
- Research projects: 1 major; several minor
- Engagement with other societies: NANETS; and industry: Preceptorship bid to Novartis
- Publications and presentations
 - Oral presentation ASCO 2017
 - Poster presentations at: ENETS, ESMO Asia, ASCI GI, AGITG ASM, Clinical Oncology Society of Australasia (COSA)
 - Publication: Segelov E, Chan D, Lawrence B, Pavlakis N, Kennecke HF, Jackson C, Law C, Singh S *Identifying and Prioritizing Gaps in Neuroendocrine Tumor Research: A modified Delphi Process With Patients and Health Care Providers to Set Research Action Plan for the Newly Formed Commonwealth Neuroendocrine Tumor Collaboration*. Journal of Global Oncology. 2016 Oct 12:JGO006916

Copies of all the presentations and publications can be found through our website – [click here](#)

Following this, each of the working groups presented and after discussion, evolved into project groups which then came up with a number of projects to be worked on during 2017 - [Click here](#). As a group we decided that all members should be actively involved in at least one project and that attendance at CommNETS 2017 will be reliant on project involvement.

We had an excellent session from Danny Heng, our invited speaker, regarding his experience with establishing a renal database that has been very successful and now has an extensive international buy-in. Lessons learned were particularly informative as was he overall message that a lot can be done with relatively little if there is a will. This led to the discussion about the CommNETS major project of establishing a registry for NETS, which is underway.

The social aspect of CommNETS cannot be ignored and although Canada won the mini Olympics, equal fun was had by all. The morning walk was also a highlight and almost 20 enthusiasts rose at 6:30am to prove their stamina!



The final discussion was to confirm a date (1st weekend in December) and venue (Honolulu) for CommNETS 2017 – see you there.