



THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF ONCOLOGY (ESHO) was convened with the initiative of a group of Oncologists and Medical Historians with professional and academic links in Britain, Greece, Cyprus and Switzerland. The objectives of ESHO were the development and promotion of the study of the evolution and historical course through the ages of the science of oncology, primarily in Greece and Europe, as well as, globally.

The constitution of the society was approved and signed by the founding members on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Athens in the premises of the *Hellenic Society of Medical Oncology* (HESMO). ESHO was legally endorsed by the judicial authorities of the island of KOS in January 2014. The founding members chose, for purely symbolic reasons, the island of KOS as the *alma mater* of ESHO, as the scientific basis of clinical oncology can be traced in the Hippocratic Corpus.

To date the Society has held two scientific meetings, both under the auspices of HESMO, on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Athens and the second, on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015, in Thessaloniki.

The Society plans at least one scientific meeting annually with international participation. Membership is open to physicians with an interest in the history of oncology. Honorary membership is in the gift of the Executive Council and is awarded to internationally distinguished oncologists or historians of medicine with the approval of the Annual General Assembly.



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