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NNECOS Receives \$5,000 ASCO State Affiliate Grant **“ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING”**

The board of directors of the Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society is pleased to announce that the society is the recipient of a \$5,000 ASCO State Affiliate Grant for its submission, “Academic Enhancement of Annual Meeting.” NNECOS leadership is excited about this project and the great potential to enhance the educational and academic involvement of the society and our annual meetings by increasing medical caregiver involvement, beginning with the upcoming meeting to be held November 3-4, 2006 in Portland, Maine at The Portland Regency Hotel.

Through this project, the society will bring an added dimension to our annual meeting by highlighting recent local developments in the treatment of patients, emphasizing unique and novel therapies, supportive care initiatives and/or unique clinical trials. In the coming weeks, the grant committee will be actively recruiting fellows, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses and junior faculty from the academic medical institutions and private practices in the tri-state region to prepare abstracts for presentation and publication as Proceedings of our annual meeting.

Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to attend the annual meeting to participate at an evening poster session on Friday November 3, 2006. These posters will highlight pertinent clinical/laboratory research, novel therapies or unique issues pertaining to patient care. Four of the accepted abstracts will be selected by a subcommittee of the NNECOS Board to present during a session on Saturday November 4, 2006. The first author of the four selected abstracts will be awarded a travel grant to attend the annual meeting. The travel grant will cover registration, mileage and lodging expenses. All of the accepted abstracts and summaries of the invited lectures will be published as Meeting Proceedings and made available to all attendees.

In addition to the educational enhancement for each of the medical care providers, we also look forward to the networking opportunity for fellows, practicing physicians, physician extenders and nurses during this meeting. The committee hopes that an added benefit of this important project will be to increase involvement and membership in the society, further strengthening our ability to work toward our mission of providing access to high quality oncology care in our region.

More information will be available soon regarding the abstract submission process.
