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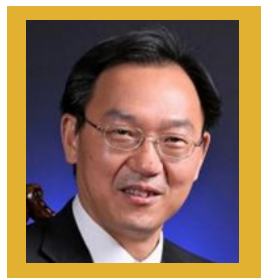
The Education and Training Committee continues to advance knowledge and strengthen regional ties through travel grants and webinars.

A total of three radiation oncologists were 2024 Travel Grant recipients — two from Myanmar and another from Pakistan who completed their clinical training at FARO countries' leading institutions. These experiences have not only advanced their individual competencies, but also strengthened the regional network of professionals in the field of cancer care.

Thet Hein and Ye Myint Aunt of Myanmar Society for Radiation Oncology (MSTRO) trained for over a four-week period at Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo National General Hospital in Jakarta, Indonesia (see *above photo*). They focused on transitioning to advanced radiotherapy technologies including IMRT, IGRT and SBRT.

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



Junlin Yi
(China)

Dear FARO colleagues, it is my privilege, as Vice President of the Federation of Asian Organizations for Radiation Oncology (FARO), to extend my warmest greetings to all member societies, officers, and friends across our network. Over the years, FARO has grown from a vision of regional cooperation into a dynamic alliance—advancing education, harmonizing clinical practice, and fostering research collaborations throughout Asia.

Together, we have convened expert meetings, delivered cutting-edge training courses, and launched multicenter studies that are already improving cancer care for thousands of patients. None of these achievements would be possible without your dedication, creativity and spirit of partnership.

As we look ahead, I am confident that FARO will continue to flourish. Let us build on our shared successes to explore new technologies, deepen our clinical trials and broaden our educational outreach—so that every radiation oncology team in Asia benefits from our collective expertise.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to FARO's mission. I look forward to working with each of you to shape the next chapter of our organization and to bringing ever-better care to patients with cancer throughout our region.

With warm regards and best wishes for FARO's continued success.

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GREETINGS FROM THE 10TH CHAIR OF CSTRO



Junjie Wang
(China)

As the 10th Chair of the Chinese Society of Therapeutic Radiation Oncology (CSTRO), it is my great honor to extend warm greetings to all members of the Federation of Asian Organizations for Radiation Oncology (FARO). Since our inaugural meeting in Xi'an in October 1986, CSTRO has been committed to advancing the science and clinical practice of radiation oncology in China. Over the past nearly four decades, we have built a vibrant community of more than 1,500 radiotherapy centers and nearly 33,000 dedicated professionals.

Under the leadership of our distinguished chairs—Professors Gu Ruizhi (1-3 terms), Yin Weibai (4th term), Yu Zihao (5th term), Yu Jinming (6th term), Li Yuxiong (7th term), Lang Jinyi (8th term), Wang Lvhua (9th term), and now Wang Junjie (10th term)—CSTRO has launched the Chinese Journal of Radiation Oncology, standardized residency and specialist training programs, and hosted ESTRO courses in partnership with the Cancer Hospital of the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences. Together with the SANTRO initiative co-founded with ASTRO, we have fostered robust international exchange.

As proud members of FARO, we embrace our shared mission to elevate radiotherapy standards across Asia. Looking forward, CSTRO will continue to contribute our expertise to FARO's educational programs, multicenter clinical trials, and technology-transfer initiatives. By deepening our collaboration, we can drive innovation, share best practices, and improve outcomes for cancer patients throughout our region.

On behalf of CSTRO, I wish FARO every success and stand ready to work together toward a future of excellence in radiation oncology.

Date and Venue

- **November 13–15, 2025**
- The Empress Hotel
- **Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Important Deadlines

- Abstract Notification on **September 15**
- Regular price registration available until **Oct 31**

FARO2025 IS COMING UP



FARO2025.ORG

Thai Association of Radiation Oncology (**THASTRO**) will host the **7th FARO** meeting jointly with the **36th THASTRO** annual meeting.

Check out the **Scientific schedule**, **Pre-congress Workshops**, and **Refresher course** now!

Special price registration is available for FARO member countries including Radiation oncologists and allied health professionals (Nurses, Medical Physicists, Residents and students).



OVER 350 ABSTRACTS VYING FOR BEST PAPERS

by Manuel Martin Lopez (Philippines)

This coming November 13-15, 2025, the FARO Meeting will take place at the Empress Convention Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand, to be hosted by the Thai Society for Radiation Oncology (THASTRO). As always, the task of the Scientific Committee is to evaluate all the abstracts submitted by members of the FARO societies, and to choose the best papers for oral presentation and poster presentation. This will be done using the online evaluation platform provided for by the THASTRO Organizing Committee.

From January 1 to July 15, 2025, a total of 358 abstracts were submitted. The host Organizing Committee grouped these abstracts into 17 different categories or topics (*see text box*).

Each of the abstracts was then assigned to the different members of the FARO Scientific Committee according to respective specialties for their evaluation.

The best abstracts will be chosen for oral and poster presentations. The top six (6) oral presentations will receive a cash award of USD500 and the top 10 poster presentations will receive USD300 each.

The Young Investigator Awards will also be given to the authors of best abstracts submitted from each FARO country together with a cash prize of USD 1000.

Awarding of the prizes will be done during the meeting in Chiang Mai.

During the past years, the FARO researchers have submitted such high caliber papers that have reflected the excellent standards of Radiation Oncology in the region. This year is no exception. So, on behalf of the FARO Scientific Committee, we invite you all to attend the FARO Meeting this coming November, and support your colleagues in this highly anticipated FARO event.

See you all in Chiang Mai, and more power to FARO!

17 Categories

- Central Nervous System
- Head and Neck
 - Breast
- Lung (including other thoracic tumors)
 - Upper GI (esophagus and stomach)
 - Lower Gastrointestinal
- Hepatobiliary
- Genitourinary
- Gynecologic malignancy
- Hematologic malignancy
 - Sarcoma
 - Pediatric
 - Physics
- Radiobiology
 - Palliation
- Nursing Care
 - Others

FARO LEADS THE WAY

by Tomoaki Tamaki (Japan)

Building Regional Leadership in Radiation Oncology through Leadership Development Program (LDP)

In the rapidly evolving landscape of cancer care, leadership is a cornerstone of progress—and FARO exemplifies this in its own activities. With a strong commitment to advancing radiation oncology across the region, FARO has positioned itself not only as a central stage for cooperation among the Asian radiation oncology societies but as a powerful force for developing leadership capacity among the young radiation oncologists.

As part of its broader mission, FARO launched a visionary initiative in 2017, the Leadership Development Program (LDP) with strong dedication by Prof. Soehartati Gondhowiardjo and her team in Indonesia. The LDP is now welcoming its fifth batch of your leaders in 2025–2026. The LDP is a regional leadership incubator that gathers one nominated participant—called a "Leader"—from each of FARO's 15 member societies, representing a diverse range of cultures, health systems, and professional contexts but with a common background of radiation oncology. These Leaders are brought together not simply to learn leadership theories but to experience FARO's embraced values such as collaboration, mentorship, shared responsibility, and self-growth.

FARO's intent with the LDP is clear: to cultivate a new generation of radiation oncology leaders who are regionally grounded and globally aware. Through this program, FARO reinforces its identity as an Asian federation dedicated to advance clinical practices and research, and foster the human resource development of ourselves who will carry forward the region's radiation oncology and cancer control.

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The program begins with an orientation and formal convocation in July 2025, offering participants an introduction to the values and expectations that shape the FARO community. A series of intensive online sessions conducted by the core group of the LDP Committee follows, each designed to explore foundational leadership concepts such as “Model the Way”, “inspire Shared Vision”, and “Enable Others to Act”. Based on theoretical learning and personal experiences of leadership by the instructors, these sessions encourage robust discussion and personal reflection, while also strengthening personal friendship and bonds among future leaders from across the region.

The LDP also integrates mentorship and reflective practice lead by the LDP Committee Members and alumni of each country. After each online session, participants are paired with these mentors from their own country to debrief, reflect, and translate lessons into real-world understanding. This dual structure—regional engagement through FARO and local mentorship—is a new attempt from this batch which is expected to create a dynamic and strong network of collaboration and mentorship in FARO.

LDP will conduct two major on-site events which serve as key moments of convergence. The first on-site LDP will be held in November 2025 in Chiang Mai, Thailand, alongside the 7th FARO Meeting. Here, the Leaders engage in workshops, lectures, and the launch of yearly group projects aimed to advance the activities of FARO. These projects, often focused on improving research collaboration, expanding access for young professionals, or raising FARO’s visibility, are designed to be more than exercises—they are opportunities for real contribution and innovation.

The second on-site event, scheduled for August 2026, will mark the culmination of the program. Project presentations and a graduation ceremony will highlight the transformation and achievements of the Leaders.

At its core, the Leadership Development Program (LDP) is not just an educational experience for the Leaders (participants). It is an embodiment and evolution of FARO’s leadership itself—declaration that strength and visions exist in and come from FARO itself and the radiation oncologists in Asia, ourselves. By investing in individuals, fostering collaboration among nations, and prioritizing long-term capacity-building, FARO continues to illuminate the path forward for radiation oncology leadership in Asia and the world.

UPCOMING EVENT

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SPECIAL REPORT: RESEARCH COMMITTEE

by Supriya Chopra Sastri (India)

The FARO Research Committee aims to foster research in Asian region pertaining to the field of Radiation Oncology with key highlights on the (1) constitution of research working groups (see text box below), (2) initiation in published patterns of care surveys, and (3) collaboration in 2025 initiated projects.

RESEARCH WORKING GROUPS

- Gynecology (FERN GYN)
- Head & Neck (FERN HN)
 - Breast (FERN BR)
- Gastrointestinal (FERN GI)
- Health Economics & Quality Improvement (FERN HE/QI)
- Advanced Technology (FERN AT)
- FARO Brachytherapy Research Group (FBRG)

Above site wise research working groups for handling of research projects have been formulated which comprised nominated members from various FARO member societies. A recent publication through the collaboration of the committee namely Ajeet Kumar Gandhi, Supriya Chopra, Madhup Rastogi, Indranil Mallick, Misael Cruz, Koichi Yasuda, Ying Ying Sum, Yasushi Nagata, Hong-Gyun Wu, Gregorius Prajogi, Henry Kodrat, Mingwei Ma, Asif Nisar, and Imjai Chitapanarux has been released by JCO - Global Oncology last January 2025 entitled "Multicentric Cross-Sectional Survey to Assess the Variation of Fractionation Strategies Used in the Management of Head and Neck Cancers in the Asian Region (INNOCENCE-ASIA)." Also, the FARO Esophageal and Gynecological palliative patterns of care surveys are completed and will be published soon. The H&N working group contributed to the NPC guidelines developed by another society. Moreover, new projects are also under development for the FARO Brachytherapy group.



The following research projects have received ethics committee approval and are being initiated this year (see text box below).

FERN GYN 001:
Impact Of Molecular Pathological And Clinical Features for Adjuvant Treatment Selection In Endometrial Cancer: Multicentric Asian Registry (IMPACT Endo Asia)

FERN GYN 002:
Asian Gynecological Brachytherapy Registry

FERN BR 001:
Burden of financial toxicity in breast cancer patients treated with curative intent: a multinational study from LMIC

FERN GI 001:
Asian Wait and Watch Registry for Locally Advanced Rectal Cancers

FERN HN 001:
Development and Validation of Multicentric Prognostic Model for Oral Cavity Cancers to predict response to postoperative RT

Lastly, a designated space on FARO website is being developed to showcase all ongoing projects.

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Hajera Jabeen of Pakistan Society of Clinical Oncology (PSCO) undertook six weeks of intensive training at Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand on Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT) and Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS), with a focus on *Cyberknife*-based treatments.

She gained experience in advanced imaging techniques such as 4D CT simulation, MR simulation protocols, respiratory gating, and adaptive radiotherapy using MR-Linac. She also participated in a workshop on rectal spacer placement for prostate cancer and learned about fiducial placement and target delineation for breast, liver, lung and brain tumors.

We are also pleased to announce the new recipients of the FARO 2025 Training Travel Grants, who will complete their clinical observerships later this year (see text box on the right).

- NESRO (Nepal) trainee at Chiang Mai University in Thailand: Training on Moderate Hypofractionation in Breast Cancer with Radixact system
- MOSTRO (Mongolia) trainee at Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai, India: Training on Hybrid Brachytherapy



Moreover, FARO delivered six high-quality virtual sessions or webinars in the first half of 2025, engaging participants from across Asia in expert-led discussions on cutting-edge radiation oncology topics (see box on the left).

As closing note, we extend our sincere thanks to all our ETC members, the host institutions and faculty, and all partners who contributed to the success of these programs. FARO remains committed to fostering collaboration, mentorship and regional leadership in radiation oncology.

15 MEMBER SOCIETIES

**Bangladesh Society of
Radiation Oncologists
(BSRO)**

<https://www.bsro.info>

**China Society for Radiation
Oncology (CSTRO)**
<http://csro.org>

**Association of Radiation
Oncologists of India (AROI)**
<https://aroiwb.org>

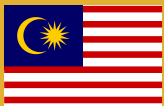
**Indonesian Radiation
Oncology Society (IROS)**
<http://www.pori.or.id>

**Japanese Society for
Radiation Oncology
(JASTRO)**
<https://www.jastro.or.jp>

**Korean Society for
Radiation Oncology
(KOSRO)**
<http://eng.kosro.or.kr>

**Malaysian Oncological
Society (MOS)**
<https://mymos.my>

**Mongolian Society for
Radiation Oncology
(MOSTRO)**



**Myanmar Society for
Radiation Oncology
(MSTRO)**

<https://www.mmacentral.org/societies/myanmar-society-for-radiotherapy-oncology/>



**Nepalese Society of
Radiotherapy & Oncology
(NESRO)**
<https://nesro.org>



**Pakistan Society of Clinical
Oncology (PSCO)**
<https://psco.com.pk>



**Philippine Radiation
Oncology Society (PROS)**
<https://pros.org.ph>



**Singapore Radiological
Society (SRS)**
<https://srs.org.sg>



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