



**The International Bladder Cancer Network
October 11th – 13th, 2018 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

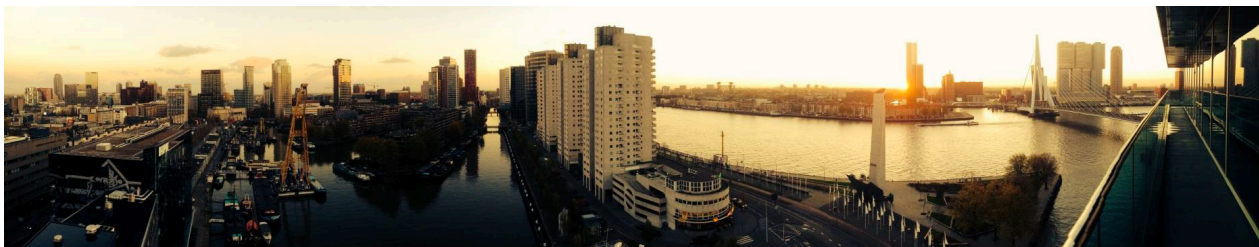
Dear Friends & Colleagues,

The 16th meeting of the International Bladder Cancer Network will be held October 11th- 13th, 2018 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands with this year's hosts Ellen Zwarthoff and Joost Boormans. The program is coming together nicely, with keynote speakers Gordon Robertson (TCGA, Vancouver) and Marcus Thelen (Cytokines in Metastasis, Bellinzona) and IBCN speaker Molly Ingersoll (Bladder Cancer from the Immunologist's Perspective, Paris). We also plan some debates this year on hot topics that promise to be hotly contested. Stay tuned for on-line registration.

At this point we would like to remind everyone that the **abstract submission** deadline will be July 1, 2018. This year we are using an on-line submission form:

<http://www.ibcnweb.net/upcoming-meetings/abstract-submission/>

Remember that we will have fewer oral presentations of abstracts this year so that we have more time for discussion, and we will introduce a fun and engaging poster session (details to follow).



The meeting will be held at the Mainport Hotel in central Rotterdam on the banks of the Maas. We will provide a link soon for hotel reservation. You will have to provide your own credit card information for the reservation, and we will plan to pay for two nights accommodation on site. If we have too many participants or our fund raising falls short, the complete cost may not be covered. Participants will be responsible for any bookings not made through link provided.

When you are booking your travel, please note that the meeting will start with an informal evening reception on Thursday 11th and will end at 4pm on Saturday 13th (end at 4 pm). Please plan to stay to the end. Rotterdam is a 25 minute train



ride from Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam – we will circulate detailed travel instructions closer to the meeting date, and place all this information on the IBCN webpage.

This year we will again have a **travel award** in the amount of €1500 for a junior investigator from outside Europe and U.K. – any interested candidates can forward a copy of their CV and an abstract to ibcn1997@gmail.com. In addition, we will have monetary awards for the best research presentations, which will be linked to an invitation to contribute an article on a related research project to the annual IBCN issue of *Urologic Oncology*.

Please remember: The meeting is only open to members. If you have not registered yourself as a member and paid your dues, please contact us.

Looking forward to seeing you again,



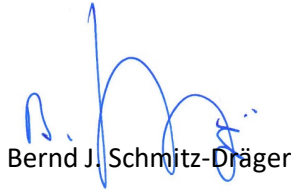
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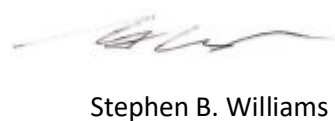
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