

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Sept. 14, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- The [Binaytara Foundation \(BTF\)](#) is holding its second Advances in Medicine conference in Nepal

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[International Conference on Advances in Hematologic Malignancies](#)

, which will run from

September 13th to 14th

at the Regal Conference Hall, Hotel Yak and Yeti, Darbarmarg, Kathmandu, Nepal

provides balanced educational sessions focusing on the needs of hematologists, oncologists and other healthcare professionals involved in the treatment of patients with blood cancer.

Famous Bollywood actress and Chief Guest, Manisha Koirala, stated today, "As I look back on my life, I have played 3 major roles. First, a daughter, second an actress... and the third, cancer crusader. I don't like being called a survivor, it is too meek. We should all be cancer crusaders."

Miss Koirala

, a cancer survivor herself, praised

[BTF](#)

's efforts to help improve cancer care in

Nepal

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Over 300 delegates from 12 countries, including Nepal, Pakistan, Australia, USA, India, China,

Poland

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Turkey

, Czechoslovakia,

Sri Lanka

,

Bhutan

, and

Bangladesh

attended the educational and scientific sessions today that focused on the recent developments

in the diagnosis and management of various forms of cancer.

Although there is no official data on blood cancer incidences in Nepal, an estimated 800 patients with various forms of blood cancers are diagnosed in Nepal's cancer hospitals each year. The figure is estimated to be much higher in the country as many patients remain undiagnosed due to lack of access to healthcare.

BTF and the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System have partnered with the Civil Service Hospital of Kathmandu, Nepal, in a project to develop the country's first Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) Center. A BMT facility in Kathmandu will serve thousands of patients from Nepal and neighboring states of India

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