

ESP Breast WG activities during 2014

As established also this year, we worked for creating a high-quality program for the **European Congress of Pathology in London, UK**. The WG organized presentations during the Congress in form of one symposium, one slide seminar, oral free paper sessions, poster sessions and business meeting.

The **Symposium**, “Integrating morphology and molecular pathology: a need for a new breast cancer prognostic index” was chaired by Ian Ellis (UK) and Tibor Tot (Sweden). The speakers [Ian Ellis; Gabor Csérni (Hungary), Tibor Tot, Paul Van Diest (The Netherlands) and Anna Sapino, (Italy)] gave an update on the classic pathologic/predictive parameters and an overview of the most innovative molecular tests that are taking an important role in the management of patients. Dr. Sasano Hironobu of the Japanese Society of Pathology was invited by the UK Pathologist Society to present an interesting lecture focused on the Clinical relevance of Androgen Receptor expression in triple negative breast cancers.

The **Slide seminar** “Invasive or non-invasive?” was chaired by Gabor Csérni (Hungary) and Cecily Quinn (Ireland). The cases, accurately selected from many others, were intriguing and raised an interesting discussion. The difficulties in differentiating some proliferative lesions from cancer were clearly outlined.

The **Oral Free Paper Session** was chaired by Anna Sapino (Italy) and Zsuzsanna Varga (Switzerland). Many interesting topics were presented, for example the results and methods for quality controls in breast pathology or the results of new methods of diagnosis of the sentinel lymph node.

The **Poster Session** was very rich and visited by a lot of people. The presenters were active and qualified.

The **Business meeting** of the WG was chaired by Anna Sapino and Clive Wells (UK). They gave a short summary of the activities of the WG and of the European Working Group for Breast Cancer Screening Pathology. During the scientific part of the meeting Dr Maria Merino (USA), as representative of the International Society of Breast Pathology gave an overview and an update on Mucinous Carcinoma. Nikita Makretsov (Canada) discussed on the need of evidence-based breast cancer biomarker testing, which was nicely integrated by Susan Malett (UK) talk on the drawbacks and the most valid methods of diagnostic study design. Clive Wells presented the burning issue of overdiagnosis in breast cancer screening.

During 2014 the WG chairs were invited also to prepare the program for the next ESP meeting in Belgrade. In Bruxelles the chairs met and discussed on ESP issues. For example, we had some problems to collect all the new membership applications, but now with the new web site, this should be much easier.

Finally, Dr. Tibor Tot was selected to be part of the faculty of the European Society of Oncology (ESMO), which is really a great opportunity for our WG to integrate with the clinical oncologists.