

## ESP Breast WG activities during 2015

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As usual during 2015, we worked for producing a high-quality program for the **European Congress of Pathology in Belgrade (Serbia)**. We organized one symposium, one slide seminar, oral free paper sessions, poster sessions and a business meeting.

The **Symposium, "Breast cancer heterogeneity"** was chaired by Slavica Knezevic (Serbia) and Tibor Tot (Sweden). The speakers focused on the main clinical drawbacks related to intra and inter-tumour heterogeneity. The issue of stem cells was taken into account as a new way to decipher breast molecular subtypes. The final talk gave an insight on the heterogeneity related to HER2. Everyone I talk to wants me to express appreciation for the inspiring presentations. The subjects were intriguing and the speakers showed the excellences of their research and the competence in the specific subject they dealt with.

The **Slide Seminar**, entitled "It is not what it looks like", was chaired by Gabor Csérni (Hungary) and myself. The cases, accurately selected from many others, were didactic and raised interesting comments and discussion.

### The Oral Free Paper Session

Dr. Varga Zsuzsanna (Switzerland) was co-chairing the session with me. Many interesting topics were presented. It was evident that breast pathologists are evolving towards new technologies, tests and showed also high interest for basic research.

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

### Summery

Oral Free presentation	Poster Session
<b>14 selected</b>	82 selected
<b>11 Countries</b>	32 Countries

**Business meeting.** As a tradition during this session the chairs of the WG of Breast Pathology and of the European Working Group for Breast Cancer Screening Pathology (Dr. Cecily Quinn represented by Clive Wells) gave a short summary of the activities of the groups. The scientific program of the session was opened by Dr. Ira Bleiweiss (USA), President of the International Society of Breast Pathology. A representative of this society is asked by convention to take part to our meeting. Dr. Bleiweiss gave an excellent overview and an update on "Radiologic-pathological correlation on core biopsy". Two eminent speakers Dr. Dragana Bogdanovic and Ferenk Vicko presented then the state of the art of the Screening Program in Serbia. The last presentation entitled "The complex issue of the evidence: mammographic screening and breast cancer mortality" given by Dr. Stephen W. Duffy was really enlightening and it clarified how to interpret discordant results from different studies and that the mammographic screening actually saves life.

### ESP school of Pathology (EScoP) 2015

This year the course of Breast Pathology was kindly organized by Prof. Vincenzo Eusebi in ROME 2015 and it covered the main issues of histopathology and of the multidisciplinary approach of modern Breast Units. A good number of young and expert pathologists participated actively and the course was highly appreciated.

### Activities of ESP of interest for the WG

During 2015 the Society gave new fuels to the WG

- First the ESP is working hard to tackle all issues related to the [WEBSITE](#) (layout, content, WG registration, database, etc.). Now the chairs of the WGs receive the applications directly from the ESP and have the duty to evaluate and to accept the new members.

So far (September 2015) the WG of Breast Pathology count on 68 members from 32 different countries

To become a member of a WG:

- Apply to ESP
  - Pay the fee
  - Apply for WGs
- Second the Society recruited young pathologists, Residents and Trainees, for becoming part of the new Residents Committee of the ESP and hopefully some are members of our group.
  - Last but not least the ESP activated the "EAT centre (ESP Advanced Training Center). To know more go to ESP website session "Key activities and Services": three centers for breast pathology are already active.

### Some news for 2016

We are working for organizing the Breast Pathology session during XXXI International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology and the 28<sup>th</sup> Congress of ESP in September 2016 in Cologne.

Thank you for reading this short document and feel free to contact me for any questions.



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