

ESP Breast WG activities during 2011

The ESP working Group for Breast Cancer Pathology formulated the following **main goals** for its activities during the year 2011:

- To give a sufficiently wide platform for activating members from different countries;
- To find a recognizable own profile, different from the other European working groups dealing with breast diseases;
- To focus on scientific topics, diagnostic routine issues and educational issues related to breast pathology in Europe.

The main focus of the WG was proposing program for the **European Congress of Pathology in Helsinki**, Finland. The WG organized 143 presentations during the Congress in the following sessions:

Symposium: **Molecular and genetic alterations in histologically normal breast tissue, premalignant and preinvasive breast lesions**. Chairpersons: Sunil Lakhani, Jorge Reis – Filho

Short course: **Large-format histology sections in research and diagnostic breast pathology**. Chairpersons: Vincenzo Eusebi, Tibor Tot

Slide seminar: **The risk of over-diagnosing in routine breast pathology**. Chairpersons: Gabor Cserni, Zsuzsanna Varga

Oral Free Paper Session 1. Chairpersons: Janina Kulka (H), Päivi Heikkilä (Fi)

Oral Free Paper Session 2. Chairpersons: Thomas Decker(D), Dorthe Grabau (S, DK)

Poster Session, Chairperson: Angelika Reiner (Au)

Business meeting: Chairpersons: Tibor Tot, Clive Wells

The scientific program of the Business meeting was focused on **Hormone receptors, HER-2 and their assessment** with two invited speakers: Keith Miller, UCL-Advanced Diagnostics & UK Nequas, London and Jorma Isola, Institute of Medical Technology University of Tampere, Finland

Last, but not least, a **Joint meeting with Head and Neck Working Group** (Co-chaired by Alena Skalova and Vincenzo Eusebi) which was very successful and represented a highlight of the meeting.

The Breast WG also organized an **EScoP course in breast pathology in Novi Sad, Serbia**, 31 March – 2 April 2011 with 102 participants from 11 countries and the following faculty: Vincenzo Eusebi, Anna Sapino, Tatjana Ivkovic Kapicl, Tibor Tot. The event was co-sponsored by the Susan G Komen foundation and the ESP. The course was very well organized by the local organizing committee chaired by professor Zivka Eri.