

Are you organising an annual meeting or conference which you would like to tell our readers about?  
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## Association of Breast Surgery Conference & AGM

Date: 19-20 May 2014. Venue: Liverpool, UK.

Preview

The Association of Breast Surgery Conference & AGM will be held on the 19th & 20th May 2014 at the ACC Liverpool. The ABS was founded in 2010 and is continuing to grow and enhance its reputation as the voice of Breast Surgery in the UK, representing healthcare professionals treating malignant and benign breast disease for the benefit of their patients.

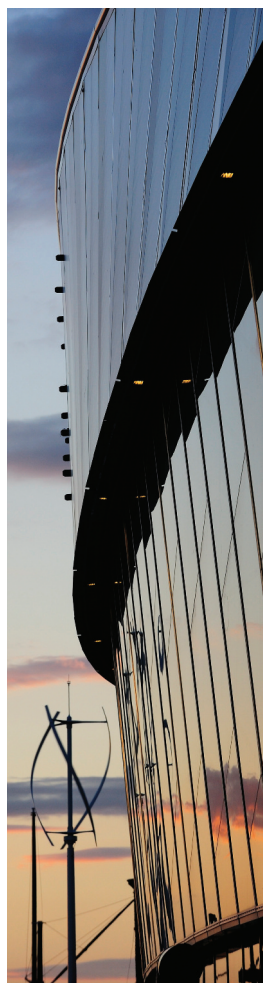
The ABS Conference & AGM is the Association's main meeting of the year and in 2013 attracted 850 delegates and 40 exhibitors. The meeting is multidisciplinary and is attended by surgeons, nurses, oncologists, radiologists, QA and audit staff.

### Guest Lecturers for 2014 include:

- Prof Kelly Hunt, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas *Local-regional therapy in the setting of neoadjuvant chemotherapy*
- Prof Emiel Rutgers, Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam  
*Is there an increasing role for PET-CT scanning in the management of breast cancer?*

### Symposia include:

- Management of breast cancer in the older patient: Age is just a number
- Moving forward with familial breast cancer



- Addressing overtreatment
- Oncoplastic breast surgery
- Biological factors in breast cancer behaviour and treatment
- Update on axillary management
- The reality behind information giving and treatment choice
- New technologies and techniques
- Clinical research and professional development
- Survivorship
- Nursing hot topics
- Putting learning into nursing practice
- Commissioning, tariffs and coding explained

There will also be the annual presentation of the NHS BSP & ABS Audit of Screen Detected Breast Cancers in a session focusing on breast cancer audits and individual surgical performance.

Abstract submission for the conference has closed with over 300 abstracts being submitted. There will be submitted paper sessions, including a BJS Prize session, and over 180 poster presentations.

The Annual Dinner will be held at St George's Hall on Monday 19th May, allowing members and non members to socialise with colleagues from across the UK and elsewhere. A drinks reception will be held at the Bluecoat on the evening of Sunday 18th May for delegates travelling to Liverpool the night before the conference.

Visit: [www.associationofbreastsurgery.org.uk](http://www.associationofbreastsurgery.org.uk) or email Jackie Spencer-Smith on [jackiespencersmith@absghi.org.uk](mailto:jackiespencersmith@absghi.org.uk)

## WIN 2014 Symposium

Date: 23-24 June 2014. Venue: Paris, France.

Preview

The next annual WIN Symposium promises to become an exceptional global event entirely dedicated to breakthrough biomarker investigations and combination therapies for cancer. Major developments in precision cancer medicine will be addressed in sessions featuring basic and clinical cancer research on:

- Molecular analysis of immune cells and immunotherapy, with keynote lecturer Guido Kroemer, (France)
- What can we learn from hemato-oncology?, with keynote lecturer Bob Löwenberg, (Netherlands)
- Innovative therapeutic initiatives and models of cooperation: Denis Lacombe (Brussels); Jean-Charles Soria (France)

- Tumour cell plasticity and drugable targets: special keynote lecture by Robert Weinberg (USA)
- Combination of targeted therapies, with keynote lecturers: Hans Clevers (Netherlands); René Bernards, (Netherlands)
- New findings in fundamental mechanisms in pediatric solid and liquid cancers, with keynote lecturer Stefan Pfister (Germany)
- Blood and body fluids – non-invasive investigations in oncology, with keynote lecturer Leroy Hood (USA)

Scott P. Serota, President and CEO of Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), will deliver the opening address on June 23. Mr. Serota has served BCBSA as president and CEO since 2000.

# 16th International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology

Date: 28 June – 2 July 2014 Venue: Singapore

Preview

The International Symposium on Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (ISPNO) is the major biennial global meeting of the multidisciplinary international community of professionals involved in the research, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of infants and children with brain tumours.

ISPNO has enjoyed consistent growth since its first meeting in 1986 with over 800 delegates drawn mostly from oncology, neurosurgery and radiation oncology. 16th ISPNO in 2014 will mark the third meeting of ISPNO in the Asian region, as well as the first time it returns to Asia since the 2004 meeting in Japan. The ISPNO meeting organisers are delighted to hold this meeting in Singapore in conjunction with the 8th St. Jude-VIVA Forum in Pediatric Oncology.

This year is the first time ISPNO (International Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery), the ESPN (European Society of Pediatric Neurosurgery), and WFNS (World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies) have collaborated in developing themes and content for multidisciplinary sessions aimed at boosting participation from both regional pediatric neurosurgeons and leaders in the international pediatric neurosurgery community.

It is also the first time the Pediatric Radiation Oncology Society (PROS), has formally joined the International Advisory Board to lead opinions and assist in the design of multidisciplinary sessions during the main ISPNO meeting. This meeting is expected to provide a unique opportunity to showcase the latest innovations in radiation oncology and diagnostic imaging as these disciplines are essential elements of therapeutic planning in patients with CNS tumours.

Throughout the entire symposium, attendees will also engage in dialog regarding new surgical treatments, innovative research and advances in pediatric neuro-oncology in a dynamic and interactive forum designed to significantly expand the knowledge base of attendees and further enhance overall patient care worldwide.

## 16th ISPNO in Singapore

Widely regarded as the leading conference destination in Asia, Singapore offers a safe and enriching experience in a bustling



cosmopolitan setting with countless culinary and cultural experiences! Singapore is Asia's leading medical hub with a global reputation as a medical convention and training center, a fast-growing basic and clinical research hub and a center for regional referrals.

Held in Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre (Suntec Singapore) from the 28 June – 02 July 2014, the 16th ISPNO will showcase the leading international advances in basic, translational and clinical research and also recent advances in addressing the global burden of pediatric central nervous system (CNS) tumours.

For more information on ISPNO 2014, please visit [www.ispno2014.com](http://www.ispno2014.com).



The symposium's main themes – biomarker research and combinations of targeted agents for cancer – were identified on the basis of the observation that most patients' tumours are driven by multiple molecular aberrations that cannot adequately be controlled by a single anticancer agent. The major challenge is to identify and test smart combinations of targeted agents capable of blocking different pathways and molecular targets at the same time. Recent results of clinical studies and translational research will be discussed at the Symposium, including recent and ongoing studies of immunological agents and targets.

Scientists are welcome to submit abstracts of their research within the scope of the WIN 2014 Symposium and get the opportunity to present and discuss their research findings in a setting with global experts in cancer research and

therapeutic innovation. The deadline for abstract submission is May 1, 2014. Go to [www.winsymposium.org](http://www.winsymposium.org) for more information, online registration and abstract submission.

The WIN Symposium is an annual meeting, attracting a broad variety of professionals in cancer research and patient management from around the globe. The Symposium is offered by WIN Consortium, the Worldwide Innovative Networking (WIN) Consortium ([www.winconsortium.org](http://www.winconsortium.org)) in personalised cancer medicine, which was initiated in 2010 with leadership from Institut Gustave Roussy (France) and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (USA).

For more information about the WIN Symposium please visit [www.winsymposium.org](http://www.winsymposium.org).