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ISW 05 Durban

Due to major world events leading to several rearrangements in congress activities, ISS and the administrative office has wholeheartedly continued the preparations for ISW 05 in Durban. We all very much regret the fact that the outstanding program made by our Thai hosts could not be fulfilled and completed in Bangkok as planned.

The program as previously mentioned will be mostly unchanged from that originally planned for in Bangkok. Again the speakers, panellists have without hesitation shown willingness and interest to participate in Durban. BSI is greatly appreciative of this. The postgraduate course under the leading of BSI President Raimund Jakesz will take place and an active interaction, informal discussions between faculty and course members will be anticipated. As the gap between the membership assembly has been long all BSI members are strongly encouraged to participate in the meeting. If any particular motions that BSI members want BSI council to consider please contact council members at any time. The success of an international society such as BSI can only prosper through its members and their active participation.

BSI and international contacts

The European Breast Cancer Conference was held in Hamburg in March 2004 (<http://www.eusoma.org/>) where the

subsequent Hamburg Statement was formed after consensus. It included: the safeguarding of academic research, improving individual risk assessment, greater attention to elderly cancer breast cancer patients, and a rethink on care after breast cancer. In a symposium entitled: How to make the best use of limited resources, the panellists from Egypt, Brazil, Ukraine and South Africa exemplified the efforts and need for coherent breast cancer care. BSI council member Justus Apffelstaedt made the audience strongly aware of this in exemplifying the situation in South Africa. The Asian Breast Cancer Conference was successfully held in Taipei in February 2004. BSI member Professor Liu had gathered a predominant Asian audience including large consumer group participants. The fact that breast cancer has its peak incidence 10 years earlier than among the Western population was reflected in a lively discussion about when and what methods to use for screening! The training of Breast Surgeons as a subspecialty

This issue will be highlighted in the Durban symposium! The position paper by the European group EUSOMA is still in progress!

New members

BSI has recruited several new members who are especially welcome!

On behalf of BSI council

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