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Bridging the Gap

Advanced Breast Cancer

Fifth ESO-ESMO International Consensus Conference

**14-16 November 2019
Lisbon, Portugal**

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ABC5 will be followed by the meeting of the **ABC** **GlobAlliance** on 16-17 November 2019
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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Colleagues,

The International Consensus Conference for Advanced Breast Cancer (ABC) has established itself as the major international conference for advanced Breast Cancer. Its primary goal is the development of international consensus guidelines for the management of ABC patients. These guidelines are based on the most up-to-date evidence and can be used to guide treatment decision making in many different health care settings globally, with the necessary adaptations due to different access to care.

The last meeting, which took place in Lisbon, Portugal in November 2017, brought together 1,300 participants from 89 countries around the world, including health professionals, patient advocates and journalists.

We believe that health professionals working closely together with patient advocates and with the strong support of the media can raise awareness about the needs and challenges faced by this traditionally underserved and forgotten group of patients. ABC also aims to identify research priorities based on the most important areas of unmet needs, analyse and discuss available data to provide the most accurate management recommendations, as well as influence policy makers and funding bodies and ultimately improve standards of care, survival and quality of life. Research and education, with accurate usage of available knowledge, throughout the world, are key to achieve these goals.

The creation of the Global MBC Alliance, also provides a platform for the development of important projects, aiming to strongly impact on the survival and quality of life of advanced breast cancer patients.



ABC guidelines are jointly developed by ESO (European School of Oncology) and ESMO (European Society of Medical Oncology) and guidelines or ABC conferences have been endorsed and supported by several other international oncology organizations such as EUSOMA (European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists), ESTRO (European Society of Radiation Oncology), ESGO (European Society of Gynaecological Oncology), UICC (Union International Contre le Cancer), SIS (Senologic International Society) / ISS (International School of Senology), FLAM (Federacion Latino-Americana de Mastologia), OEIC (Organization of European Cancer Institutes), Susan G. Komen® and BCRF (Breast Cancer Research Foundation), and have official representation from ASCO.

It is therefore with great enthusiasm that we invite you to attend the Advanced Breast Cancer Fifth ESO-ESMO International Consensus Conference (ABC5) that will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, on 14-16 November 2019. Together we will improve the lives of all brave ABC patients.

Fatima Cardoso,

Coordinating Chair

Dates and Team

By 6 May 2019	ABC Award nominations	Dolores Knupfer (2) dknupfer@eso.net
By 20 May 2019	Abstract submission	Submit online at www.abc-lisbon.org Luis Carvalho (2) lcarvalho@eso.net
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General information

Attendance

ABC1 (November 2011) was attended by 800 participants from 64 countries, ABC2 (November 2013) by more than 1,000 participants from 71 countries, ABC3 (November 2015) by more than 1,200 participants from 84 countries, ABC4 (November 2016) about 1,300 participants from 89 countries. 1,400 participants are expected to ABC5.

Venue

ABC5 will be held at the CCL - Centro de Congressos de Lisboa, Praça das Industrias, Lisbon, Portugal.

Official language

The official language will be English. No translation will be provided.

Insurance

The organisers bear no responsibility for untoward events in relation to the participation at the Conference. Participants are advised to take out their own personal and travel insurance coverage.

Abstract book

The abstract book will be published as a supplement of *The Breast* and contain abstracts from the invited lecturers and those submitted by the participants that have been accepted for oral or poster presentation or for publication only.

CME accreditation and certificates

Participants will be entitled to receive a certificate of attendance at the close of the Conference by completing the evaluation questionnaire. Application for CME recognition will be submitted to ESMO for ESMO-MORA accreditation, to the Accreditation Council of Oncology in Europe (ACOE) and the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS). EACCME credits are recognised by the American Medical Association towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA). Information on the status of the application can be obtained from the organising secretariat.

Filming, recording or photographing Conference sessions

All sessions except the Consensus session:

- Filming, recording and non-flash photography of speakers are permitted.
- Filming, recording and photography of slides are not permitted without the presenter's permission.

Consensus session:

- Filming, recording and photography are prohibited since the contents of the statements will be revised when published in the consensus paper.

Other areas of the Conference:

- Filming, recording and photography are permitted if prior permission has been given by the press officers.
- Filming, recording and photography of posters are not permitted without the author's permission.

Social media

Tweet, network and follow updates using #ABClisbon on Twitter and Facebook



Third party media policy

The policy applies to all activities related to the news media during or in connection with ABC5 and is posted at www.abc-lisbon.org.

The aim is to ensure that information distributed to the journalists is accurate and is issued at the correct times, complying with any embargoes that may be in place. The policy applies to media events that are organised at the ABC5 venue and off-site, and all third parties are requested to adhere.

ABC5 Scientific Committee

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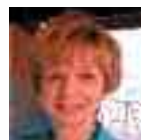
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Breast cancer patient advocacy programme

Representatives of breast cancer patient advocacy groups are warmly invited to participate in ABC5 and actively contribute to the scientific programme and consensus session. Furthermore, in collaboration with several leading breast cancer patient advocacy groups worldwide, specific additional patient advocacy sessions will be scheduled.

ABC5 conference and consensus guidelines



The ABC guidelines are jointly developed by ESO and ESMO and are published simultaneously in *The Breast* and *Annals of Oncology* journals;

Further leading organisations in the field will cooperate and endorse the Conference and guidelines.

The list of organisations will be published in the second announcement.

The previous editions' guidelines are published at www.abc-lisbon.org and www.esmo.org

Preliminary programme schedule

Wed. 13 November	Thursday, 14 November		Friday, 15 November	Saturday, 16 November	Sunday, 17 November
14:00-18:00 REGISTRATION OPENS	9:00-19:30 Exhibition		8:30-19:30 Exhibition	8:30-13:00 Exhibition	
			7:30-8:30 Sponsored satellite symposium		
	9:00-10:30 Breast cancer patient advocacy session	9:00-10:30 Sponsored satellite symposium	9:00-10:00 Session	8:30-10:30 Consensus session (part 1)	8:30-13:00 ABC Global Alliance meeting (part 2)
			10:00-10:30 Coffee break		
	10:30-11:00 Coffee break		10:30-12:25 Session	10:30-11:00 Coffee break	
	11:00-12:30 Breast cancer patient advocacy session	11:00-12:30 Sponsored satellite symposium		11:00-11:15 Report from ABC Patient Advocacy Committee	
	12:30-13:30 Lunch		12:30-13:30 Lunch and poster session	11:15-12:45 Consensus session (part 2)	
				12:45-13:00 Close	
	13:30-14:30 Opening session		13:30-15:30 Session	13:30 Lunch	
	14:30-16:00 Session			14:15-17:30 ABC Global Alliance meeting (part 1)	
	16:00-16:30 Coffee break		16:00-18:00 Session	15:30-16:00 Coffee break	
	16:30-17:15 Best abstracts presentations				
	17:15-18:00 ABC Award and lecture				
	18:00-19:30 Breast cancer patient advocacy session	18:00-19:30 Sponsored satellite symposium	18:00-19:30 Breast cancer patient advocacy session	18:00-19:30 Sponsored satellite symposium	
Welcome cocktail					

Preliminary programme topics

ABC5 will proceed with the discussion on international consensus recommendations required to define standards of care and a comprehensive management of advanced breast cancer patients.

All topics will be presented in a multidisciplinary and multiprofessional approach, from basic research to clinical practice.



Consensus session

The ABC Consensus Panel will update the ESO-ESMO Advanced Breast Cancer Guidelines, which will then be published simultaneously in *The Breast* and *Annals of Oncology Journals*.

ABC Global Alliance

The ABC Global Alliance, established by ESO, is a multi-stakeholder platform for all those interested in collaborating in common projects relating to advanced breast cancer.

Launched during the World Cancer Congress in Paris in 2016 the Alliance is the continuation of the work developed through the ABC International Consensus Conference, responsible for the ESO-ESMO international consensus guidelines for the management of advanced breast cancer and its advocacy efforts.

The goal is to improve and extend the lives of women and men living with ABC in all countries worldwide, to fight for a cure, to raise awareness of ABC and lobby worldwide for the improvement of the lives of ABC patients.

Besides the several benefits granted to the sponsors within the initiative itself, ABC Global Alliance sponsors are granted further benefits within the ABC5 conference as outlined in the Registration section.

Furthermore, please be informed that the ABC Global Alliance will hold its yearly meeting immediately after ABC5 on 16-17 November 2019.



For further information about the ABC Global Alliance, please contact Roberta Ventura, rventura@eso.net, ph +41 91 820 0957

ABC Award Call for nominations

The ABC Award is aimed at recognising a researcher, physician, nurse or patient advocate who has made an outstanding and impacting contribution in the field of advanced breast cancer throughout his/her career.



The **2017 ABC Award** –in recognition of her work and dedication to advocacy specifically to advanced breast cancer patients - was assigned to **Musa Mayer**.



The **2015 ABC Award** - in recognition of his work on metastatic breast cancer, especially improving the management of metastatic cancer to bone, resulting in preservation and improvement in quality of life of patients worldwide - was assigned to **Robert E. Coleman**.



The **2013 ABC Award** - in recognition of his work on discovering fundamental, clinically-relevant biological and molecular mechanisms for metastases including site specificity, latency, self-seeding and the role of the microenvironment in colonization and drug resistance - was assigned to **Joan Massagué**.

For the fourth ABC Award, nominations submitted by **6 May 2019** to dknupfer@eso.net will be assessed.

Nomination process:

- The nominee must not have already received the ABC Award;
- The award recipient will be chosen on the basis of his/her accomplishment. No bearing will be given to his/her race, gender, nationality, religious or political views
- Nominees may not nominate themselves.
- If any of the members of the ABC Scientific Committee is nominated, he/she will excuse him/herself from all the nomination discussion, selection and approval.
- The final selection will be made by the ABC5 Scientific Committee.

Nominations should be submitted through a letter which should:

- Be limited to 1.000 words;
- Include a concise description of the candidate's accomplishments and a description of how this contribution has changed practice in the field of advanced breast cancer. The letter may refer to publications.
- biosketch of the nominated person

The recipient will receive an award certificate and will be invited to make a presentation during ABC5.

The outcome of the nominations will be communicated by 1 July 2019.

Abstract submission

Deadline for submission: 20 May 2019
Submit online at www.abc-lisbon.org

Participants are invited to submit abstracts on subjects related to advanced breast cancer in one of the categories listed below.

Please note that all abstracts must relate to advanced (not early) breast cancer in order to be considered.

Abstracts will be assessed for presentation at the Conference, either oral or poster, or for publication in the ABC5 Abstract Book, supplement of *The Breast*.

The best abstracts will be selected for oral presentation within the programme with a 10-minute slide presentation followed by a 5-minute discussion slot.

The best abstracts oral presentations will be scheduled on Thursday, 14 November and poster presentations on Friday, 15 November.

Categories

- Nursing
- Patient Advocacy
- Basic and translational research
- Clinical issues: Medical oncology
- Clinical issues: Radiation oncology
- Clinical issues: Surgical oncology
- Clinical issues: Supportive and palliative care
- Clinical issues: Other topics

Instructions:

- The number of characters is limited: 250 characters for the title (lower case letters) and maximum 2800 characters for the body of the abstract.
- Names of research groups should appear in the title, not in the authors' list.
- Tables and images are not accepted.
- List the authors' affiliations. The same affiliation should be entered only once.
- The first author will be the corresponding author and the presenter at the conference.
- The full address with e-mail address, phone and fax numbers of the first author (= corresponding author and presenter) must be provided. The first author will receive an acknowledgement of receipt and all subsequent communication by e-mail.
- For abstracts accepted for presentation (oral or poster), the first author will be the presenting author and will be requested to register and participate in the conference.
- It is the responsibility of the first author to ascertain whether all authors are aware of the content of the abstract before submission is made.

The acknowledgement of receipt of the abstract will immediately follow the submission.

The outcome will be notified to the first author by 1 July 2019 who will be required to register to the conference (early registration deadline: 28 July 2019).

Registration

Online registration is available at www.abc-lisbon.org

Registration grants participation in all sessions, a copy of the Programme and of the Abstract Book, coffee breaks, lunches, welcome cocktail as indicated in the programme.

	Early (by 28 July 2019)	Late (by 27 October 2019)	On-site (from 28 October 2019)
Registration fee	EUR 450	EUR 550	EUR 700
Club ESO Members	EUR 350		
ESMO Members	EUR 350		

Cancellation

Cancellation should be notified to ESO in writing. In case of cancellation without replacement, the fee minus EUR 100 for handling charges will be refunded within three months from the notification, provided that the cancellation is received by ESO before 15 September 2019. Replacements will be possible until 27 October 2019.

Badge

The badge is the only official evidence of registration and should be worn at all times during the event. Loss of badge results in loss of registration.

Nurses and patient advocates

Nurses and representatives of cancer patient advocacy non-profit organisations are eligible for a discounted registration fee:

EUR 250 by 28 July 2019

EUR 300 by 27 October 2019

EUR 400 from 28 October 2019 and on-site.

To register to the Conference, nurses and representatives of patient advocacy organisations should submit the following documents by the deadline:

Registration form for nurses or patient advocates (available at www.abc-lisbon.org)

- **Nurses:** curriculum vitae with full contact details
- **Patient advocates:** curriculum vitae or resume indicating their advocacy experience, role within the organisation and the full contact details of the patient advocate's organisation.

Media registration

The Conference welcomes representatives of print and electronic media. Registration is free of charge to journalists who are in possession of a valid, recognised press card. Freelance journalists must present a commissioning letter on headed paper from a recognised news organisation or publication. Representatives of advertising, marketing and public relations companies are not eligible for free media registration. A copy of the Press Card or of the commissioning letter should be sent together with the media representative registration form (available at www.abc-lisbon.org).

Group registration

The online group registration may be processed online for groups of 5 or more individuals.

The procedure and deadlines are published at www.abc-lisbon.org

Travel grants

A limited number of travel grants are made available on a competitive basis to:

- Physicians from low, lower middle and upper middle income economies as defined by The World Bank;
- Physicians under the age of 40;
- Nurses;
- Patient advocates.

Full applications should be submitted on www.abc-lisbon.org by **20 May 2019** providing the following documents:

Physicians and nurses:

- An abstract submitted online according to the abstract submission procedure (deadline 20 May 2019, see page 10);
- Short curriculum vitae;
- Letter describing motivation for attending;
- Letter of endorsement by the Institute/Department director or head nurse.

Patient advocates:

- Short curriculum vitae;
- Letter describing motivation for attending.

Travel grant recipients will receive a set amount to contribute to their travel and accommodation expenses, whilst registration will be processed directly by the organisers. The following amounts will be refunded by bank transfer after the Conference:

- EUR 500 for participants coming from Europe, Middle-East and North-Africa;
- EUR 1,000 for participants coming from other regions and overseas.

The outcome of the application will be notified by 1 July 2019.

Hotel accommodation

*Deadline for booking: **8 November 2019***

Online Booking Form will be available at www.abc-lisbon.org.

Viagens Abreu has been designated as the official accommodation agency for ABC5 and offers discounted rates at selected hotels.

In order to secure availability and the discounted rates, participants are kindly required to proceed with their bookings as soon as possible.

Bookings are made on a first-come first-serve basis. The list of hotels, and information on public transportation and on optional tours will be available at www.abc-lisbon.org.



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