Brief history of EBCTCG including formation of Steering Committee

1983/84 saw the start of the collaboration and in 1985 the Early Breast Cancer Trialists’ Collaborative Group was founded. There was an Executive Committee, which during 1985 – 2005 was led by Mike Baum, Henning Mouridsen, Craig Henderson and Bill Wood. There was also an Overview Update Group, which was chaired by Aron Goldhirsch. This was replaced by the Steering Committee in 2005/6.

At the EBCTCG main meeting in Oxford on 21-23 September 2005 a provisional EBCTCG Steering Committee was proposed for consideration by EBCTCG members. Kathy Pritchard and Bill Wood were co-chairs of EBCTCG at this time. At the meeting, it was agreed that Martine Piccart would be invited to serve as incoming co-chair of EBCTCG, to accompany Kathy Pritchard, the continuing co-chair. The list of those to be invited to join the Steering Committee was finalised in December 2005 and the Steering Committee first met formally in June 2006. At the Steering Committee meeting in June 2012, Jonas Bergh took over from Martine Piccart as co-chair of EBCTCG. In May 2013 the first patient representative, Elizabeth Bergsten-Nordström (then President of Europa Donna), was invited to join the Steering Committee. At the Steering Committee meeting in June 2018, Sandra Swain and David Cameron were made vice-chairs of the Steering Committee (and, by extension, EBCTCG). After the June 2018 meeting, Sandra Swain took over from Kathy Pritchard as co-chair, to serve alongside Jonas Bergh. Patient representation was also increased. There are four patient representatives on the Steering Committee at present.

The current members of the Steering Committee are listed below:
Members of the EBCTCG Steering Committee (excluding members of the Secretariat)

Jonas Bergh  SWEDEN  (co-chair)
Sandra Swain  USA  (co-chair)
David Cameron  UK  medical oncology, vice-chair

Patient representatives
Elizabeth Bergsten-Nordström  SWEDEN  representing EUROPA DONNA (Past President)
Almona Choudhury  UK  UK patient representative
Tanja Spanic  SLOVENIA  representing EUROPA DONNA (President)
Patty Spears  USA  US patient representative
Kathy Albain  USA  med oncol, trials, special populations, survivorship
Stewart Anderson  USA  statistics
Rodrigo Arriagada  FRANCE  radiation oncology, trials
Karla Ballman  USA  statistics
John Bartlett  UK  pathology, biology, predictive diagnostics
Judith Bliss  UK  statistics
Etienne Brain  FRANCE  medical oncology
Lisa Carey  USA  medical oncology
Robert Coleman  UK  medical oncology
Jack Cuzick  UK  statistics, hormone therapy trials
Nancy Davidson  USA  medical oncology, hormone therapy trials
Lucia Del Mastro  ITALY  medical oncology
James Dignam  USA  statistics
Mitch Dowsett  UK  biology, predictive diagnostics
Bent Ejlertsen  DENMARK  medical oncology
Theodoros Foukakis  SWEDEN  medical oncology
Prue Francis  AUSTRALIA  medical oncology
José Angel García-Sáenz  SPAIN  medical oncology
Richard Gelber  USA  statistics
Michael Gnant  AUSTRIA  surgical oncology, trials, biomarkers
Matthew Goetz  USA  medical oncology
Pam Goodwin  CANADA  medical oncology
Dan Hayes  USA  medical oncology, biology, prognostic markers
Catherine Hill  FRANCE  statistics
Reshma Jagsi  USA  radiation oncology
Wolfgang Janni  GERMANY  breast surgery/gynaecological oncology
Sibylle Loibl  GERMANY  medical oncology
Terry Mamounas  USA  surgical oncology
Stuart McIntosh  UK  surgical oncology
Hirofumi Mukai  JAPAN  medical oncology
Valentina Nekljudova  GERMANY  statistics
Larry Norton  USA  medical oncology
Martine Piccart  BELGIUM  medical oncology
Philip Poortmans  BELGIUM  radiation oncology
Kathleen Pritchard  CANADA  honorary past co-chair
Vinod Raina  INDIA  medical oncology, cancer registry
Daniel Rea  UK  medical oncology
Meredith Regan  USA  statistics
John Robertson  UK  surgical oncology
Shigehira Saji  JAPAN  medical oncology
Roberto Salgado  BELGIUM  pathology
Dennis Slamon  USA  medical oncology
Joseph Sparano  USA  medical oncology
Guenther Steger  AUSTRIA  medical oncology
Gong Tang  USA  statistics
Masakazu Toi  JAPAN  surgical oncology
Andrew Tutt  UK  clinical oncology
Frederieke van Duijnhoven  NETHERLANDS  surgical oncology
Giuseppe Viale  ITALY  pathology
Xiang Wang  CHINA  surgical oncology
Tim Whelan  CANADA  radiation oncology, quality of life
Nicholas Wilcken  AUSTRALIA  medical oncology
Antonio Wolff  USA  medical oncology
Norman Wolmark  USA  surgical oncology
Ke-Da Yu  CHINA  surgical oncology

Total 62 (incl 4 patient representatives)  02 Jul 2024