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 now five patient representatives on the Steering Committee.

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 Sandra Thompson UK UK 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
Emiel Rutgers NETHERLANDS 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
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