

## **Breast Cancer Working Group (BCWG) – vzw/asbl**

### **1. The Association**

BCWG is a non-profit charity registered in Belgium on 8 September 1988, with registered office located at B-3000 Leuven.

Its purpose is to enhance the development of treatment and prevention of breast cancer by developing, organizing and promoting international scientific meetings.

BCWG is a consortium of members, representatives of the following associations:

- EORTC Breast Cancer Group (EORTC-BCG)
- European Society of Breast Cancer Specialists (EUSOMA)
- EUROPA DONNA – The European Breast Cancer Coalition (EUROPA DONNA)

These three member associations are the founders of the European Breast Cancer Conference (EBCC) and BCWG is the legal entity with overall responsibility for EBCC.

### **2. The European Breast Cancer Conference**

EBCC is a biennial conference organized with the scientific input and support from BCWG and its 3 member associations. The purpose of EBCC is to provide a platform for the presentation and discussion of multidisciplinary advances in breast cancer research, treatment and care as well as ethical, socio-economical, political and practical issues related to the care of patients affected by breast cancer.

While BCWG neither has the means nor the human resources to organize large conferences, and since EORTC, EUSOMA, and EUROPA DONNA are all three members of ECCO – the European Cancer Organisation, BCWG has mandated ECCO with the organization of EBCC.

[European Breast Cancer Conference \(EBCC\)](#)

### **3. BCWG Funding**

BCWG is independent and not funded by any commercial company. In case an EBCC conference has made a surplus, over and above the costs related to its organization, BCWG is granted the balance. Any surplus income from EBCC is supporting the activities and research projects of the three member associations according to their respective missions and objectives.

Whenever the funds allow, BCWG will, in addition, support European-based academic multi-national research projects. Academic research considered for funding shall be primarily projects from EBCC/BCWG partners.

The process of application, review, decisions and reporting of BCWG grants is described in the BCWG Grant document. A list of projects that have been supported with a BCWG grant can be obtained from the BCWG Coordinating Office ([kris.vantongelen@bordet.be](mailto:kris.vantongelen@bordet.be)).