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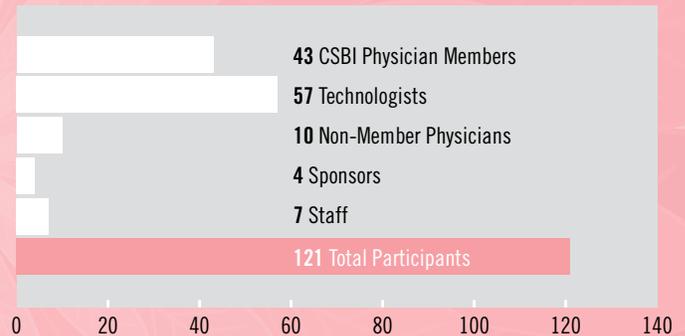
CSBI 2018 CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING

OVERVIEW

The inaugural conference of the Canadian Society of Breast Imaging (CSBI) was held on Thursday April 26, 2018 in Montreal, Quebec. The conference was a success by all metrics; exceeding attendance expectations, bringing together internationally acclaimed speakers who delivered content that was of value to a multi-disciplinary audience that included radiologists, physicists, allied physicians, medical radiation technologists and patients. The conference also provided the opportunity for CSBI to host their inaugural general meeting, which provided an overview of what the society has achieved up to this point as well as their mission and mandate for the future. Ultimately, the overarching goal of the conference was achieved: to educate and collaborate on current breast imaging practices in Canada, with the intent of further growth of the CSBI and its influence on the Canadian healthcare landscape.

ATTENDANCE

The conference was incredibly well-attended and exceeded projections from the planning committee. As a result, space was extremely limited in the main session room, which resulted in a 'standing room only' feel that served to heighten the excitement about the conference and the future of the CSBI. The following is a breakdown of the attendees.



SPONSORS

The conference was sponsored by Siemens and Christie Innomed. Attendees were encouraged to engage with the sponsors as well as invited to attend the CAR 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting exhibits. This provided an additional opportunity to expose delegates to the breast imaging product lines.





MORNING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Breast cancer screening was the focus of many of the morning talks. The opening plenary lecture, delivered by Dr. Etta Pisano (Harvard University) focused on her work in Precision Imaging on the Tomosynthesis Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial, and what it means for cancer screening protocols and guidelines. Dr. Pisano's lecture was followed by Dr. Jean Seely's talk on the history and current state of breast cancer screening in Canada, and Dr. Isabel Trop's talk focused on personalized, risk-based screening. Dr. Nancy Wadden shifted gears with her presentation, which focused on the CAR Mammography Accreditation Program, the criteria for optimal image selection and evaluation, and how the program ensures the high quality of Canadian mammograms.

Conference delegates were fortunate to learn about positioning from Louise Miller, an experienced technologist and educator who has trained over 40,000 technologists on proper positioning and how it can affect breast imaging quality and the patient experience. Dr. Supriya Kulkarni closed out the morning of lectures with her case-based session on BIRADS ultrasound lexicon and lesion characterization.



AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

The slate of afternoon workshops was a highlight of the CSBI educational program. By facilitating interactive participation in the program, the workshops allowed the conference participants to learn from experienced breast imaging experts and further their own skills accordingly. The three workshops focused on: digital breast tomosynthesis, radioactive seed localization techniques, and breast MRI. Each of the workshops was well-attended, and there was a lengthy waitlist for the tomo workshop in particular – evidence of an avenue for future learning opportunities and program offerings, to be sure.



CLOSING PLENARY – DENSE BREASTS

The closing plenary session brought together radiologists and a patient representative to discuss and debate on an emerging area of interest in the breast imaging community: breast density and the question of supplemental screening. Moderated by Dr. Jean Seely, the panel discussion was lively and engaging, with strong opinions and passionate views shared by all the participants.

Overall, we were very pleased with the attendance. We would like to provide a special thank you to our sponsors: Siemens and Christie Innomed and the CAR for making this event possible. We would also like to acknowledge our speakers who took time out of their hectic schedules to come and share their knowledge at our event.