

Welcome to CAP-2006 in St. Gallen

On behalf of the distinguished Co-Chairpersons and the International Scientific as well as the national Organizing Committee, we are very pleased to welcome you to St.Gallen – historic, cultural and medical center of Eastern Switzerland and of the tri-country area “Bodensee” (Lake Constance), where Austria, Germany and Switzerland meet geographically.

While “St.Gallen Oncology Conferences” has been very successful in organizing large, now bi-annual international congresses on “Primary Therapy of Early Breast Cancer” for more than 20 years, the idea of facilitating interdisciplinary exchange on “Cancer Prevention” is a more recent concept and a generally not very welcomed concept in modern oncology. At least in some parts of the world, research budgets and clinical medical expenses are stagnating or even being progressively cut and neither politicians nor industry seem to be willing to engage in additional unpredictable channels of expenses.

When the money for “curing and caring” for the diseased gets short, even less is left for partly questionable and also controversial disease prevention in the (still) healthy part of the population – although this is an extremely short-sighted, but unfortunately very much prevalent view of health politics for the future in many countries worldwide!

However, in view of newly accumulated knowledge and growing interactions between molecular genetics and biology, epidemiology and clinical cancer prevention, it is again our aim – now for the 4th time since the year 2000 – to offer a comprehensive scientific discussion forum for the development of more intelligent cancer prevention for the future. It is time that industry – especially in Europe – increases its involvement in this process.

It is our privilege to co-organize this meeting again with the European School of Oncology in Milano/Italy (ESO) as well as – and this is new – together with the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) and with the European Cancer Prevention Organisation (ECP). We were unfortunately not able to have the International Society of Preventive Oncology (ISPO) joining us “on board” of this event, but we are still open for such a cooperation in the near future.

We greatly appreciate your presence in a selected audience of international experts and interested conference participants from all over the world and we hope you will enjoy the conference and your stay in St.Gallen.

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