



International Meeting Affiliation Policy

ASBrS is a globally engaged society that supports the knowledge exchange of clinical skills, technical expertise, and practice experience in the unique specialty of breast surgery. The following defines the current options for international meeting affiliations. ASBrS will consider invitations and opportunities for international meeting engagement based on their relation to the mission of the Society, which is to continually improve the practice of breast surgery by serving as an advocate for surgeons who seek excellence in the care of breast patients.

International Collaborative Meeting

An International Collaborative meeting is one in which one or more international society(ies) invite ASBrS to collaborate with them on their national or local meeting. A member or members of the ASBrS International Committee or ASBrS Leadership will represent ASBrS and provide input to the meeting program. Control of the program and responsibility for the arrangements will rest solely with the international host society(ies).

Requirements of International Collaborative Meetings:

ASBrS may designate specific International Committee leaders who have been invited to speak as ASBrS delegates or ambassadors and may elect to cover some travel expenses of the official Society representative(s) based on prior approval and budget. The host organization will be requested to share in covering the travel expenses. ASBrS will have no other fiscal involvement in the meeting, and no ASBrS CME credit will be provided. When no host society is sponsoring the meeting, the request will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the International Committee. This policy is intended to apply to international meetings outside the US and is not intended to apply to US based meetings that expand to international locations.

ASBrS must review and approve all marketing and promotion of International Collaborative meetings BEFORE publication and/or release of any materials that use or display the ASBrS logo. The ASBrS logo should only be used with ASBrS' prior approval. The ASBrS logo may be used on a case-by-case basis with ASBrS' prior approval. Other collaborative requests from the host society in relation to the meeting, or for future meetings, will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the International Committee. It should not be anticipated or expected that ASBrS International Collaborative meeting agreements will be reciprocal in nature.

ASBrS will list the meeting in the international section of the ASBrS website and include it on the ASBrS e-newsletter.

Joint Symposia

International collaborative meetings are also eligible to solicit ASBrS' participation in a joint symposium which is an educational session typically held before or during a conference or the annual meeting of the requesting organization. Topics and speakers are to be mutually agreed upon by both organizations. The goal is to provide breast surgeons around the world with critical updates in the field of breast surgery and an opportunity to share knowledge of regional diseases and treatment approaches. The ASBrS logo may be used on a case-by-case basis with ASBrS' prior approval.

Requirements of joint symposia:

- Hosts must satisfy requirements and adhere to promotion rules outlined in the ASBrS International Collaborative Meeting policy.
- Full or partial reimbursement by the host for US leaders/speakers is required. ASBrS may elect to cover some travel expenses based on prior approval and budget.
- Typically includes speakers from both ASBrS and the requesting organization.
- This could also take the form of a "{Host Meeting} Meets ASBrS" session of ASBrS' choosing.

International Invitational Meeting

An International Invitational meeting is one held outside of the United States that has no formal affiliation with the ASBrS. Breast Surgery leaders/speakers from the United States may be invited to participate by a host society either at their own expense or sponsored by the host society. ASBrS may designate specific leaders who have been invited to speak as ASBrS delegates or ambassadors. ASBrS will have no fiscal involvement in the meeting, and no ASBrS CME credit will be provided. When no host society exists, the request will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the International Committee.

For all Invitational meetings, ASBrS will write an official letter acknowledging the meeting and recognizing it as an International Invitational Meeting. We will offer the host society the opportunity to republish the letter in their meeting materials and/or on their website. Additionally, upon request, we will offer the host society testimonial content from an ASBrS leader, which may also be used in their meeting materials and/or on their website. The ASBrS logo may be used on a case-by-case basis with ASBrS' prior approval.

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