


The symbolism of Brasília in the history of Brazilian Breast Cancer Symposium 2024

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The city of Brasília was built between 1957 and 1960, under the efforts of the Brazilian president Juscelino Kubitschek and the sweat of workers from various parts of the country, with the aim of transferring the federal capital, from Rio de Janeiro to the central plateau of Brazil. With Lúcio Costa's urban design and Oscar Niemeyer's futuristic architecture, an innovative city was born, ahead of its time. The official inauguration was on April 21, 1960, the day of the death of Tiradentes—leader of the “Inconfidência Mineira,” who defended the country's independence in the 18th century. In practice, the symbolism of this date is very clear and reflects in Brasília the ideal of freedom of a people and the courage of a nation, which spares no effort to fulfill its deepest dreams¹.

In the scientific field, this same journey was experienced by the Brazilian Breast Cancer Symposium (BBCS). Born in Goiânia, in 2010, under the name Goiânia Breast Cancer Symposium, the symposium grew to become the largest breast cancer research event in Latin America^{2,3}.

Always with the aim of maintaining an event that brought high scientific value, in an intimate style, in 2018, important changes were implemented—the name for BBCS, with an explicit reference to an inclusive positioning of health professionals and

researchers from all over Brazil. We also moved to the bucolic and historic city of Pirenópolis, so that the interaction between the various participants was even greater.

With the growth of BBCS, the beloved tourist town became too small to accommodate all our guests. Thinking about the comfort, safety, and compliance of everyone involved, the event's Organizing Committee overcame the new challenges and held this year's edition in Brasília—64 years after the city's inauguration and 15 years after the first edition of the event.

The quality of the work presented is also worth highlighting, using previously tested and validated criteria⁴. Furthermore, the large number of awards and the broad emphasis on researchers in scientific programming stand out. After all, being a research event, nothing fairer than valuing the researcher with what is most dear to them: space and opportunity to publicize their study and form new partnerships, as well as resources to finance and develop their projects.

For 2025, inspired by the architecture and symbolism of the federal capital, BBCS will follow its principles of freedom and courage, consolidating the event in the heart of the country. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this story and come see what awaits you!

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