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## EDITORIAL

**T**his supplement is a unique document derived from a unique meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup> Global Genito-Urinary Oncology Conference was held in Honolulu, Hawaii, immediately prior to the SIU meeting. The concept was to bring together Uro-Oncologists from all over the world to share ideas and perspectives. The meeting brought out a number of striking themes. The fundamental perspective of urologic oncology, which is to understand the natural history of cancer and manage patients accordingly, is widely shared by clinicians around the world. All of us wrestle with similar issues: understanding the complexities of prostate cancer, making the right decision in high grade superficial bladder cancer, preserving quality and quantity of life where both are at risk. At the same time, the diversity of approaches and differences in perspective regarding very common clinical scenarios is profound.

The faculty was broadly representative of Global Uro-Oncology, with thirty Uro-Oncologists of international renown, from 10 countries representing most regions in the world. These experts shared their expertise and research findings with an international group of clinicians and scientists during two days of interactive sessions.

The Conference also hosted a forum for regional breakout groups, whose deliberations produced a number of position statements reflecting regional medical, economic, epidemiologic and philosophic differences along two major foci: detection and prevention of prostate cancer and management of high-risk prostate cancer. The deliberations of the breakout groups are included in this supplement, and make for interesting reading.

The concept of an international subspecialty congress has wide appeal. Indeed, it has been embraced by many of our colleagues, representing fields such as Endo-Urology, Erectile Dysfunction, Incontinence, the Aging Male, and others. The 1st Global Genito-Urinary Oncology Conference was widely acknowledged to be a very successful meeting. The range and quality of the articles in this supplement are a testament to the value of this meeting. We hope that it will become a bi-annual event.

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