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The ABREAST Conference showcases the significant steps taken in advancing human lactation research. The collaboration between the ABREAST Network and the Geddes Hartmann Human Lactation Research Group, as well as the launch of The University of Western Australia's Centre for Human Lactation Research and Translation, reflect a commitment to promoting knowledge, innovation, and positive impacts in the field.

The conference featured keynote speakers from Australia, the United States of America, and the United Kingdom, providing a global perspective and contributing to a diverse and comprehensive exploration of topics related to human lactation. The range of research topics covered, from breastfeeding after Caesarean birth to milk composition and production, colostrum, human milk, allergy prevention, and the impact of milk on infant growth and development, illustrated a holistic approach to understanding and supporting breastfeeding.

The ABREAST Network emphasises inclusivity, diversity, passion, and innovation in lactation research, demonstrating a commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of mothers, infants, and communities worldwide. The interactive, hybrid platform provided by the ABREAST Conference has successfully created an environment for researchers, students, clinicians, and the community to exchange knowledge and insights.

The conference was well received, with a total of 161 registrations; 30 manuscripts, including invited and keynote speakers, were considered and accepted for presentation, and 23 manuscripts were published. This publication will serve as a valuable resource for those interested in advancing their understanding of human lactation.



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Overall, the ABREAST Conference was a successful and impactful event, fostering collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the advancement of research in the field of human lactation.

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