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### ANNUAL MEETINGS

#### 32nd IACR Meeting



The 2010 meeting was held in Yokohama (Japan) from 12 to 14 October 2010, in conjunction with the Japanese Association of Cancer Registries (JACR).

The main theme of the meeting was *Society and Cancer Registration: Towards Harmonization*.

Attendance was high with 225 participants from 47 countries, mainly from Asia, but also Europe, Africa, North and South America and Oceania were represented. From the 202 abstracts submitted, 40 had been selected for oral presentations and 153 for poster presentations.

The following keynote speakers had been invited:

Dr Christopher Wild, (IARC Director), Dr Freddie Bray (IARC), Dr David Forman (IARC), Dr Kazunori Kodama (Japan), Dr Joe Lipscomb (USA), Dr Jean Michel Lutz (NICER), Dr Masashi Mizokami (Japan), Dr You-Lin Qiao (China), Dr Renee Otter (The Netherlands,) and Dr Tomotaka Sobue (Japan).

Training programmes included a course on “*Cancer survival: practical use of cancer registry data in cancer control*” (50 participants) and a workshop on *CanReg5: a practical guide to its use* (20 participants). The **Executive Board Meeting** took place on 11 October. Issues discussed at the meeting were reported at the *Business Meeting*, which was held on 14 October and are reported in this Newsletter.

The **Business Meeting**, recorded this year the best attendance with 102 participants. During the meeting, an *Honorary Membership* was awarded to **Dr Akira Oshima** (Japan) for his lifelong contribution to cancer registration and more broadly cancer research. The presentation was made by Dr Hideaki Tsukuma (Japan).

The **Closing Ceremony** included the award for the best posters, conferred to Midori Soda (Japan), Zakiko Ajiti and Tomomi Manugame (Japan), and Chia-Hung Liu (Taiwan). This was followed by a presentation of

**It is with great sadness that we announce the recent deaths of two of the founding fathers of international cancer registration.**

**Johannes Clemmesen** – a pioneer of cancer epidemiology in Denmark and founder of the Danish Cancer Registry passed away on December 20, 2010, at the age of 102.



*Dr J Clemmesen (left) with Calum Muir*

**Dr. Balkrishna B. Yeole** - longstanding Director of the Mumbai Cancer Registry passed away on January 18 2011.



*Dr Yeole (right) with Professor Gangadharan*

Tributes on the life long achievements of both of these important figures in international cancer registration are available on the IACR website ([www.iacr.com.fr](http://www.iacr.com.fr))

the 2011 meeting by Shyam Manraj (Mauritius) and the Enrico Anglesio Prize Award (*see below*).

Dr Tomotaka Sobue made the closing remarks.

*The social programme* gave the participants a taste of Japanese culture and proved to be a fascinating experience.



The opening cocktail included a sushi-making demonstration by Ken Kawasumi, who has no equal, when it comes to making a decorated makizushi.

An evening at the ZAUO "Fishing" restaurant gave the IACR another flavour, as representatives from the five regions were invited to compete in a contest, "fishing in Five Continents" won by tAfrica!

#### **Related events:**

14 October 2010: - Asian Cancer Registry Network (ACRN) event

15 October 2010: Extension course on cancer registry organized by Japanese Association of Cancer Registries (JACR)

### **33rd Annual Meeting (2011) of the International Association of Cancer Registries**



The meeting will be held in Balaclava (Mauritius) from 11 to 13 October 2011.

The main theme will be *Cancer in Countries in Transition* and with subthemes *Infections and Cancer, Screening in Developing Countries, Women and Cancer, Tobacco Control and Cancer and Quality Control in Cancer Registration*. A pre-meeting course on cancer registration will be held on Monday 10 October. Preparations are on the way to make the event informative and enjoyable. The outline of the meeting can now be found on the IACR website ([www.iacr.com.fr](http://www.iacr.com.fr)). Further details will be available in the New Year.

### **34<sup>th</sup> IACR Meeting - Europe**

The Cancer Registry of Ireland (Cork) will be our host for the 2012 meeting. Discussions are on their way with Harry Comber, Director of the Registry. A detailed proposal will be presented at the 2011 meeting in Mauritius.

### **Future IACR Meetings**

Cancer registries in South and Central America, and in Oceania are invited to come forward with

expressions of interest to hold meetings in their regions. Criteria for selection will be made available online to complete the applications.

### **THE ENRICO ANGLÉSIO PRIZE**



This prize is awarded every year to a young cancer epidemiology researcher, in two occasions: the yearly GRELL (Groupe pour l'Epidémiologie et l'Enregistrement du cancer dans les Pays de Langue Latine) Meeting, and, for the first time in 2010, the IACR (International Association of Cancer Registries) meeting.

All who meet the criteria below have a chance at the award:

1. Awarded to a young epidemiologist (UNDER 35 yrs) for his/her ORAL presentation
2. Communication ability evaluated, beside scientific quality
3. The amount of the prize (500 Euro) is tripled (to 1500) if (and when) the winner publishes the work in a peer-reviewed journal with significant impact factor (within two years)

The Enrico Anglesio Prize was awarded in Yokohama to Yuri Ito, Osaka (Japan), for the presentation of the study, "Trends in cure fraction for colorectal cancer in Osaka, Japan, between 1975 and 2000".



### **EXECUTIVE BOARD – ELECTIONS 2010**

#### **Election Report**

The IACR elections to replace the four Regional Representatives in Asia, South and Central America, North America and Europe took place in August and September 2010. A total of 106 members voted out of 265 voting members (participation 40%).

Were elected:

Asia: Rajaraman Swaminathan (India)  
Europe: Andrea Bordoni (Switzerland)  
North America: Thomas C Tucker (USA)  
South America: Patricia Cueva (Ecuador)

The elected members took up their functions on 11 October 2010, where they were welcomed.

The IACR Executive Board also thanked the outgoing regional representatives: Eduardo Laura (South & Central America), Surapon Wiangnon (Asia), Marc Colonna (Europe) and Lynn Ries (North America) for their successful interactive work with the cancer

registries in their area and their contribution in the work of the Association during their years of office.

It is worth reminding our members that each region/continent of the Association is represented by one or two regional representatives. The IACR Constitution (<http://www.iacr.com.fr/constit.htm>) states that "the regional representatives will serve as primary liaison officers to provide a continuing inventory of cancer registries and to facilitate exchange of information and the organization of projects". As such they are encouraged to establish contacts with the registries they represent. They are elected members of the Executive Board Committee (4-year mandate) and attend the board meeting where they present an annual report on the activities of their region. They are therefore a valuable contact point for the members.

The regional representatives for 2011 are as follows

Africa: Charles Gombe (Congo)  
Asia: Hideaki Tsukuma (Japan)  
Rajaraman Swaminathan (India)  
Europe: Andrea Bordoni (Switzerland)  
Sabine Siesling (The Netherlands)  
North America: Betsy Kohler (USA)  
Thomas T Tucker (USA)  
South America: Patricia Cueva (Ecuador)  
Oceania: Vacant

Their contact details is available on <http://www.iacr.com.fr/officers.htm>

The 2010 regional reports are now available on [www.iacr.com.fr](http://www.iacr.com.fr) (direct link to report page)

### Appointments and Changes

David Forman was appointed Head of the Cancer Information Section (CIN) and took up office in April 2010. The Executive Board members supported the recommendation that IACR *Executive Secretary* functions should be taken over by David Forman from Dr. Maria Paola Curado who left IARC in June 2010.

Dr Freddie Bray, formerly of the Cancer Registry of Norway and the University of Oslo, also joined the Cancer Information Section in April 2010. Freddie was formerly the *IACR General Secretary*, and agreed to continue in this function until the close of the 2010 Annual Meeting. Elections to appoint a new General Secretary are now taking place. The appointee will serve for 4 years, until the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Due to a change in organisation, Francine Baumann, *Regional Representative for Oceania*, became ineligible to complete her 4-year term (2008-2012).

Elections to appoint a new Regional Representative will be taking place later this year. He/she will serve for 4 years, until the 2014 Annual Meeting

### IACR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

It is worth reminding our members of the extensive fellowship programme run within the Association.

#### IACR Fellowship

Members who wish to attend the IACR Annual Meeting may apply for financial support which covers their registration fee, their travel up to US\$ 2000 and the cost of their hotel for three to four nights. Applications forms for the 2011 Meeting will be available from the IACR website or the Secretariat from the end of February 2011. In order to be selected for this award, participants are required to submit an abstract. The selection committee is composed of the President, General Secretary and Executive Secretary.

For the 2010 meeting, IACR received 82 applications and 20 awards were granted.

#### Calum Muir Memorial Fellowship



The fellowship is available to staff of cancer registries to spend time elsewhere, in order to gain experience or learn new techniques that will be of value to them and to their home institution. The award is for a period of about one month, and covers the expense of travel, and per diem living expenses. The application forms are available on the IACR website (<http://www.iacr.com.fr/fellow-cm.htm>).

An appeal to support the fund will be sent to the members together with their invoice to renew their subscription.

#### Constance Percy Memorial Fund



The fund was established in 2005 in memory of Connie Percy, who died in 2004, and who, during a long career in the US NCI was probably the most regular attendee at the IACR annual meetings. She was the leading expert on classification and coding of cancer. The fund exists to support travel for members of the Association from developing countries to attend the IACR Annual Meeting.

Candidates can apply for funding to the secretariat in Lyon.

You are welcome to make full use of these fellowships.

## IACR SURVEY

In order to find out how the Association could improve its communications, interactions, and provide meaningful support to the cancer registry community worldwide, a survey was circulated in April 2010. It covered the following themes:

- Criteria for membership
- Communication & interactions
- Regional activities
- Training & technology
- Support: technical & capacity building
- Annual meetings
- Advocacy

233 registries responded and the results and feedback were presented at the IACR Business Meeting in Yokohama, Japan on 14 October 2010.

The full set of results will be available on the IACR website later in the year.

## NEWS FROM IARC

### Database

European funding has facilitated the development of a database within the Cancer Information Section in IARC which provides the possibility for European registries to update their details on-line and upload cancer registry data.

The next stage is to further develop the database to provide the same facilities to IACR members worldwide.

### CI5 Vol X

Work on the tenth volume is planned to take place in 2011 and 2012. It will cover registrations in the period 2003-2007. An Editorial Board has now been appointed comprising David Forman, Freddie Bray, Jacques Ferlay and Eva Steliarova, representing IARC, and David Brewster (Scotland), Marion Pineros (Colombia), Charles Gombe (Republic of Congo), Betsy Kohler (USA) and RajRajaraman Swaminathan (India) representing IACR.

The call for data will be launched in early 2011. It is hoped that facilities will be available to cancer registries to upload their data on-line. More details will follow.

CI5 Plus series (Volumes I to IX) had recently been made available online and the new volume will also feed into this resource.

## EUROPE – ENCR ACTIVITIES

The ENCR website provides further details (<http://www.encl.com.fr/>).

## CANREG 5 – Update

CanReg5 was officially released during the IACR conference in Yokohama this year. It is an open source tool to input, store, check and analyse cancer registry data and has modules to do data entry, quality control, consistency checks and basic analysis of the data. The main improvements from the previous version are the new database engine, the improved multi user capacities and that the development is managed as an open source project. Also included is a tool to facilitate the set up of a new or modification of an existing database by adding new variables, tailoring the data entry forms etc.

CanReg5 is available for download for free from the IACR website.

For any queries regarding CanReg please contact: [canreg@iacr.fr](mailto:canreg@iacr.fr) <<mailto:canreg@iacr.fr>>."

## IACR SUBSCRIPTIONS

During her presentation to the Board and Business Meetings, the IACR Treasurer Lynn Ries outlined some of the challenges encountered during the year 2009/10.

Due to the lengthy process of identifying signatories after an election, some cheques had to be reissued which generated significant bank charges and a great inconvenience to registries concerned.

Another challenge arose from USA registries who were requesting tax justification before completing the payment, due to the fact that the address to return cheques was in the USA.

Banking fees on the payment of cheques had been raised and bank charges could be passed on to IACR and the registry. Setting up a credit card system was not a possibility according to the UBS (IACR banking institution).

It was agreed that the invoicing system should be reviewed to eliminate some of the complications raised. Cheques will now need to be sent to the IACR Secretariat for transmission to the bank. The work in progress on the database will eventually include the invoicing system to allow a more efficient process. Discussion will take place with the bank regarding the issue of credit cards.

The 2011 invoices will be circulated in February 2011. It is worth reminding our members that cancer

registries in the low to medium income countries who find it difficult to raise the subscription may ask that their contribution be waived.

On the other hand, one of the requests that rose from the survey was for IACR to provide members with training facilities and general financial support to needy registries, and this can only be accomplished if there is a good return in subscriptions.

### IACR Membership fees for 2010

Voting and Associate membership	US\$ 145 or EUR 100	per year
Individual membership	US\$ 50 or EUR 42	per year
Corporate membership	US\$ 500 or EUR 345	per year
Calum Muir Fellowship fund*	US\$ 100 or EUR 84	per year

(\* ) voluntary contribution

### OTHER NEWS

#### History of IACR

“The International Association of Cancer Registries: A History” written by Sharon Whelan, has been published as a supplement to the Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention. Paper copies of the publication are available from the IACR Secretariat ([iacr@iarc.fr](mailto:iacr@iarc.fr)). The book will also be available on-line at a later stage.

### REGIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

28 February - 4 March 2011: Course on Cancer Registration and Descriptive Epidemiology: Principles and Methods Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai, India

28-29 March 2011: Advanced workshop on cancer survival methodology

<http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/ncde/cancersurvival/workshop2011/>

27 June - 1 July 2011: Cancer survival short course at LSHTM, in collaboration with IARC

<http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/ncde/cancersurvival/course2011/index.htm>

4-8 July 2011: Statistical methods for population-based cancer survival analysis Residential course in Stockholm

In late 2011, there will also be a French language course on Cancer Registration and Descriptive Epidemiology for Francophone African countries

Further information on both courses is available on <http://www.iacr.com.fr/>

### IACR CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

Please review information on the “membership list” page of the website and send updates to [iacr@iarc.fr](mailto:iacr@iarc.fr), or to the IACR Secretariat, 150 Cours Albert Thomas, 69372, Lyon Cedex 08, France. You can also reach us at: +33 4 72 73 84 17.