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EXECUTIVE BOARD – ELECTIONS 2010

Elections will be taking place in 2010 to replace regional representatives in Asia, Europe, North and South America. A Nominating Committee chaired by Roberto Zanetti has been established. Nominations were posted on the IACR website.

Voting Members may in turn propose other nominees. Each candidate must be affiliated to a Voting or Associate Member of the IACR, and the nomination has to be supported by at least five voting Members per candidate. Please, send your nominations by 15 August to the General Secretary of the IACR, Dr Freddie Bray, e-mail: brayf@iacr.fr. Each nomination should be accompanied by a one-page CV and a passport photograph of the candidate.

Elections are scheduled to take place in the summer, through an electronic ballot, and newly elected members will take office at the Executive Board Meeting on the occasion of the 32nd IACR meeting in Yokohama, Japan, on 11 October 2010.

PROFESSOR ANTOINE ECHIMANE



Antoine Echimane, Head of the Cancer Department at the University Hospital of Treichville in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and Director of the Cancer Registry of Abidjan, passed away on 21st June, 2010.

Antoine was born in Grand Bassam, Cote d'Ivoire, in 1950, and graduated in medicine in 1980. His postgraduate training in clinical oncology was undertaken in France (Institut Gustave Roussy and Université de Marseille II). He took over as head of the department of general and digestive surgery at the University Hospital of Treicheville (Abidjan) in 1992. His interest in cancer led him to establish, in collaboration with IARC, the Abidjan Cancer Registry in 1994, the results from its first three years operation being published in 2000¹. Many IACR members will recall the Annual Meeting of the Association in 1998, in Grand Bassam, organized by Antoine. It was the first IACR meeting to have been held in Africa, and proved to be an immense success, both scientifically and socially. Antoine remained an active collaborator with scientists at IARC and elsewhere, as well as with clinical colleagues in West Africa and France, and organized the fourth Euro-African congress of Oncology² in April 2008. Through such efforts, he contributed significantly to the recognition of cancer as major public health issue in Africa, as well as training generations of students, many of whom became professionals themselves.

He will be remembered for his dynamic and enthusiastic personality, and as a generous and faithful collaborator, who will be much missed.

Max Parkin

¹ Echimane AK, Ahnoux AA, Adoubi I, Hien S, M'Bra K, D'Horpock A, Diomande M, Anongba D, Mensah-Adoh I, Parkin DM. Cancer incidence in Abidjan, Ivory Coast: first results from the cancer registry, 1995-1997. *Cancer*. 2000, 89(3):653-63.

² Quatrième Congrès Euro-africain de cancérologie

IACR Membership fees for 2010

Invoices have now been circulated to members. The fees will remain unchanged from 2009:

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

ANNUAL MEETINGS

The **31st IACR Meeting** was held in New Orleans (USA) from 3 to 5 June 2009, in conjunction with the NCRA Meeting

The primary theme of the conference was the use of cancer registry data in cancer control planning and its impact on public health. The scientific programme included sessions devoted to the following subthemes:

- Cancer registries and screening
- Cancer survival and survivorship
- Childhood cancer
- International perspectives on data quality
- Trends and Projections
- The perspectives on data quality;

Keynote speakers were Elizabeth Fontham, Linda Pickle, Max Parkin, Michael Murphy and Timo Hakulinen. Overall, 46 speakers contributed to the scientific sessions. In addition, 63 posters were displayed.

The meeting gave the participants an opportunity to exchange knowledge and experience with their peers from many different countries, as well as with participants from the NCRA meeting, so inspiring them to further international collaboration.

The conference was preceded by *workshops* on Survival Analysis, Data Quality & International Comparisons, and Predictions of Cancer Incidence. The **IACR Executive Board** also held its annual meeting on Tuesday, 2 June.

The **Annual General (Business) Meeting** of the Association took place on 5 June. This was the occasion for the Executive Board to report on activities of the Association in the preceding year and for members to receive a financial report from the Treasurer.

In her presentation, the President of the Association **Brenda Edwards** outlined the need to establish policy directions and priorities for the IACR. These should focus on how the IACR can better serve its members and utilize their expertise. Input from the membership would be sought, by way of a questionnaire which would be prepared and circulated to all the members (see 'IACR Survey' below).

During the meeting, **Fabian Corral** was honoured for the substantial contribution he had made to cancer registration, and was given a lifelong status as an Honorary Member of the IACR in recognition of his work.

Social events

Elizabeth T.H. Fontham, President of the American Cancer Society hosted a welcome reception at the Gallery room of the Sheraton Hotel. On the last evening, members were invited on a Mississippi dinner cruise to sample the wonders of Creole food as well as the world renowned New Orleans jazz.

32nd IACR Meeting



Yokohama, Japan, 12-14 October 2010

We are honoured to inform you that the IACR meeting is to be held this year in Yokohama, Japan. It is the second IACR meeting in Japan, the first having taken place in Fukuoka 25 years ago.

Recently, national cancer control programmes have been promoted in many countries, and it is well recognized that cancer registration is a fundamental pillar of the information infrastructure.

In Japan, since the Cancer Control Act was approved in 2006, interest in cancer registration has been rapidly increasing among cancer patients, health professionals, and administration officers, although recognition of its benefits among the general population is still relatively low and there continues to be insufficient effective use of cancer registry data. This is the rationale for the choice of "*Society and cancer registration—towards harmonization*" as the main theme for this 32nd IACR meeting.

The organisers hope that this will provide a valuable chance for us to foster mutual exchange of up-to-date information and its transfer to the public domain. We look forward to welcoming you in Yokohama in 2010.

Preparations for the meeting are well on their way. The 202 abstracts for consideration for oral or poster presentation have been reviewed and 40 selected for oral presentations. The following keynote speakers have been invited:

Dr Freddie Bray (IACR),
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)
Dr Hai-Rim Shin (Korea)
Dr Tomotaka Sobue (Japan)

The social programme will allow participants to have a taste of Japanese culture and promises to be a fascinating experience.

For general information and programme, click on www.iacr.com.fr

Earlybird registration (by 10 September):

<http://www.jacr.info/iacr2010/registration.html>

Conference brochure:

<http://www.cancerinfo.jp/iacr2010/pamph.pdf>

Related events:

11 October 2010:

- IACR Executive Board Meeting
- Pre-meeting course "*Cancer survival: practical use of cancer registry data in cancer control*"
- *CanReg5 Training Workshop: a practical guide to its use*

14 October 2010:

- Annual General (Business) Meeting (IACR)
- Asian Cancer Registry Network (ACRN) event

15 October 2010:

Extension course on cancer registry organized by Japanese Association of Cancer Registries (JACR)

IACR Fellowship

IACR are able to offer financial assistance to a limited number of participants working in cancer registries who wish to attend the IACR 2010 meeting and are unable to obtain funds from local sources. Application forms were available on the IACR website. We have received 82 applications for fellowships, and hope to offer financial help to around 20 individuals from low and medium income countries.

NEWS FROM IARC



David Forman was appointed Head of the Cancer Information Section (CIN) and took up office April 2010. He was previously Professor of Cancer Epidemiology at the University of Leeds (UK) and Director of the Northern and Yorkshire Cancer Registry.

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 is currently the IACR's General Secretary.

Dr Maria Curado left the Agency on 25 June. For an interim period, her functions as IACR Executive Secretary have been taken over by David Forman.

The collaboration between IARC and IACR was renewed through the **Collaborative Research Agreement** signed in January 2010 to support the work of the IACR Secretariat and provide financial assistance for the organisation of the annual meeting.

The General and Executive Secretary positions will be reviewed at the IACR Executive Board meeting in October 2010.

EUROPE – ENCR ACTIVITIES

The European Network of Cancer Registries (ENCR) was launched in 1989 at the IACR meeting in Maastricht (Netherlands) with the support of the 'Europe Against Cancer' programme of the European Union (EU). The overall objective of the Network is to improve the availability and comparability of cancer incidence data, creating a basis for monitoring cancer occurrence in the EU to increase the use of cancer registry data at the European level. The Network also generates regular information on the burden of cancer in Europe, on cancer incidence and mortality patterns and on the variations within and between member states. A Steering Committee comprising of nominated and elected members includes IACR representation (currently Dr Max Parkin).

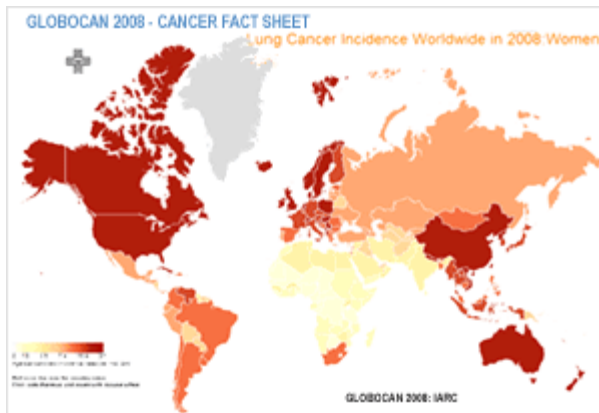
A number of ENCR recommendations for data collection and coding have been developed, to improve quality and comparability of data. Other activities include surveys of cancer registration methods in Europe, training in cancer registration methods, fellowships and consultancies, audits and publications. The European Cancer Incidence and Mortality Database (EUROCIM), created as one of the activities of the Network, consists of cancer incidence (from IACR members) and mortality (from the WHO

database) together with software to analyse and display the data. Since early 2009, the EUROOURSE project (EUROpe against Cancer: Optimisation of the Use of Registries for Scientific Excellence in Research), supported by the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Commission, provided a means for greater collaboration between European registries in fulfilling the aims of the ENCR. Around 50 member registries are actively involved in the numerous working groups striving to improve various aspects of cancer registration.

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

GLOBOCAN

GLOBOCAN 2008 was launched on 1 June 2010, to replace GLOBOCAN 2002. It will provide the most accurate assessment of the global cancer burden



The estimates for 2008 benefit from [new sources](#) of data and a comprehensive review of the estimation procedures.

GLOBOCAN 2008 provides a series of cancer site and country-specific factsheets, and enables computation of the future burden of cancer according to projected population changes up to 2030.

Facilities for the tabulation and visual description of the cancer burden in 182 countries and according to world region can be accessed via the GLOBOCAN

2008 website: <http://globocan.iarc.fr>

Cancer Incidence in Five Continents Volumes I through to IX



The Cancer Incidence in Five Continents (CI5) series of monographs, published every five years, has become the reference source of data on the international incidence of cancer. The volumes are produced by IARC staff in collaboration with IACR Members, with the interests of the association and the data contributors represented by nominees of the IACR. The CI5 databases provide access to detailed information on the incidence of cancer recorded by cancer registries (regional or national) worldwide in two formats:

1. *CI5 I-IX* which presents the basic data published in the nine volumes of CI5.
2. *CI5plus* which contains **annual** incidence for selected cancer registries published in CI5 for the longest possible period.

Cancer Incidence in Five Continents Volume X

A call for data for Vol. X of Cancer Incidence in Five Continents will be made later this year and will cover the period 2003-07. The editors for Vol. X will be announced shortly. The volume will be published in 2011 or 2012.

More information is available on <http://ci5.iarc.fr/>

CANREG 5

CanReg5 is an open source tool to input, store, check and analyse cancer registry data. It 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.

For more information on how to get hold of it, migrate your data from CanReg4, and more, please refer to the handbook available online:
<http://www.iacr.com.fr/CanReg5/CanReg5-instructions.pdf> - Or contact canreg@iacr.fr.

OTHER NEWS

Calum Muir Fellowships

Four Calum Muir Fellowships were granted in 2009: **Mary Phoebe (Uganda)** trained for 3 weeks in May 2009 in the Chennai Cancer Registry (IND); **Bourama Coulibaly** and **Sekou Malle (Mali)** received two weeks training in the Guinee Cancer Registry on CanReg; **Zsuzsanna Jakab (Hungary)** started her training in cancer registration in the Childhood Cancer Institute of Oxford University (UK) in October 2009 for one week and will complete it for one week in 2010.

History of IACR

"The International Association of Cancer Registries: a History" was presented by, Sharon Whelan, its author and a longstanding critical component of the IACR Secretariat within IARC, at the IACR Business in meeting in 2008. The final version of the manuscript has been submitted to a peer-reviewed journal for publication.

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. The survey is now closed. 233 registries responded and the results and feedback will be presented at the IACR Business Meeting in Yokohama, Japan on 14 October 2010. Results will also be published on the IACR website.

Regional training courses in cancer registration for low and medium resource countries

The Governing Council of the International Agency for Research on Cancer has indicated its commitment to support of cancer registration development in low and medium resource settings. In fulfilment of this strategy, the Cancer Information Section of IARC is planning, in cooperation with cancer registries and IACR, a number of regional courses to provide training in the fundamental practices involved in registration, the use of CanReg5 software and basic analytical methods. The first such course, primarily for Anglophone sub-Saharan Africa, will be held in Cape Town, South Africa in September 2010. During 2011, similar courses are being organised for Francophone Africa and India.

Please contact cin@iacr.fr for further information.

IACR CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

Please review information on the "membership list" page of the website and send updates to iacr@iacr.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.