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**35th ANNUAL MEETING**

*Cancer Registries:
Evaluation of cancer risks factors and
quality of care*

The 2013 meeting is now a few months away and preparations are going well in Buenos Aires to welcome participants.

The deadline for abstract submission closed on 15 April and the response was overwhelming with nearly 200 submissions. The scientific committee selected 40 abstracts for oral presentations and over 150 to be presented as posters.

Partial financial support has been offered to a number of presenting participants from low and middle-income countries (LMIC).

The final program of the annual meeting can be found on <http://www.iacr2013.com/index.php/program>

The National Academy of Medicine will be the main venue for the conference. An interesting neoclassical building situated in the beautiful Recoleta area of Buenos Aires, it is the oldest medical Academy in Argentina. It was founded in Buenos Aires in 1822, coinciding with the establishment of the University of Buenos Aires School of Medicine.

The National Cancer Institute will be hosting the first two workshops and the Executive Board Meeting.

The **Clemmesen Lecture** will be delivered by **Prof Pelayo Correa**, Professor of Cancer Research at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine (Nashville, Tennessee, USA) and founder of the Cali Cancer Registry (Colombia).

REGISTER NOW!

**Closing date for early registration
10 September 2013**

www.iacr2013.com/index.php/conference-registration

The IACR Executive Board will hold its annual meeting prior to the Conference.

A number of **satellite events** will be taking place:

Workshop 1: Trends - incidence, mortality and estimations, led by **Stefano Rosso** (Piedmont Cancer Registry, Turin, Italy)

Workshop 2: Measuring inequities in cancer care, led by **Graciela Abriata** (NCI, Buenos Aires, Argentina), **Gisele Alemeida** and **Oscar Mujica** (PAHO /WHO, Washington DC, USA)

Workshop 3: Writing a Scientific Publication, led by **Esther de Vries** (Erasmus MC University Medical Center, Rotterdam, The Netherlands) (limited to delegates from South America)

Workshop 3: Cancer survival - an introduction to principles, methods and applications in cancer control, led by **Michel Coleman** and **Bernard Rachet** (both from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine)

At the end on the Annual meeting, participants from Latin American registries will have the opportunity to take part in the **Meeting on cancer registration in Latin America**. This follows up on a similar meeting which took place in Cali last October with a view to inform the GICR Latin American Hub on priority activities (see below for GICR Project).

The **IACR Business Meeting** will provide an opportunity to update delegates on IACR activities, present a number of awards to delegates and special guests and introduce the 2014 Meeting.

Details, times and venues of events are available on the [conference program](#).

A reminder: Young scientists wishing to compete for the **Enrico Anglesio Prize** will need to contact the organisers directly in order to apply (<http://www.anglesiomoroni.org>). Applicants must be under 35 years of age and their abstract accepted for an oral presentation at the meeting.



National Academy of Medicine

FUTURE IACR MEETING –SAVE THE DATE!

June 2014: Ottawa (Canada): a presentation of the 36th meeting will be made during the IACR business meeting in Buenos Aires

November 2015: Mumbai (India) – details to follow

IACR MEMBERSHIP FEES 2013 - REMINDER

Invoices for the 2013 membership fees were circulated in March. At the time this newsletter is published, only 30% membership fees have been received, which is even below 2012 figures.

It is worth noting that the fees are modest and the income raised is essential to sustain the work of the Association. ***We are therefore seeking payment of outstanding fees from members.*** Registries from LMIC having particular financial difficulties should contact the Secretariat (iacr@iacr.fr).

We would like to remind about and encourage voluntary payment to the **Calum Muir Fellowship Fund**, which was set up by to support the training of cancer registry personnel in the techniques of cancer registration.

The funding is for up to 3 applicants and a maximum of \$3,000 per year. (More information on the fellowship: www.iacr.com.fr/fellow-cm.htm)

IACR SUMMER SCHOOL –June 2013

The IACR summer school is open to all cancer registries, whether they are members of IACR or not. Forty participants from all regions attended Module 1 of the 2013 Summer School on **Cancer Registration: Principles and Methods** – The [program](#) included an introduction to cancer registration from implementation of cancer registries and registration methods, to the analysis and interpretation of data and CanReg. This training was also an opportunity for non-members to learn more about IACR and consider becoming members.

The course was led by David Forman and the Cancer Information Section of IARC, with the valuable assistance of Rajesh Dikshit (India), April Fritz (USA), Manuela Quaresma (UK) and Elisabeth Ranaghan (UK).

More about the IACR summer school on <http://www.iacr.fr/en/education-training/summer-school/index1.php>

CIS VOLUME X

375 cancer registries from 80 countries submitted data sets for review by the Editorial Board for publication in Volume X of *Cancer Incidence in Five Continents*. The review process is now completed. 291 registries (78%) will see their data published. 84 registries could not be included.



It is worth noting that for *CIS* Vol IX, 313 registries submitted data sets, 225 were included (70%) and 88 could not be included.

Access to the online publication is foreseen at the time of the IACR conference in Buenos Aires.

Work has started on the paper publication, which should be available by the end of 2013.

IARC REGIONAL HUBS FOR CANCER REGISTRATION – TRAINING

IARC Regional Hubs for Cancer Registration have been implemented within the framework of the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (GICR) with the aim to provide developmental support towards and for population-based cancer registries (see <http://gicr.iacr.fr/>).

Recently, regional training courses were organized for the Asian region by the Mumbai Hub in collaboration with the Dharmais National Cancer Center in Jakarta, Indonesia, and in July the African Cancer Registry Network (sub-Saharan Network Hub) organized an intermediate level training course for French-speaking African registries at the Kigali Cancer Registry, Rwanda.

Upcoming regional training includes a course in October in Izmir, Turkey, in collaboration with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre and ENCR, and in December a course on survival in Chennai (India).



The GICR CanReg webinar series is continuing. We've had four webinars so far this year with a fifth one, on Data Analysis, scheduled for Tuesday 17 September at 14h Lyon time. For more information please see <http://gicr.iacr.fr> – where you also can access previous webinars for streaming and/or downloading.

Java 7 update 21 (released late April) caused problems for some analytical tools in CanReg5. (It broke the integration with R and Ghost Script.) This was fixed in CanReg version 5.00.27 - released the same day as the problem was discovered. If you do experience problem with the analytical tools in CanReg5, please update. 5.00.28 is the newest version available online.

CONTACT UPDATES

Accurate contact details are essential to ensure good communication with the membership.

The **registries portal** (<https://cinportal.iacr.fr>) has been designed to enable all registries to check and update their details online. All IACR registries have access to the portal, and login details were communicated to them. **Credentials** (registry code and ID) can also be obtained from the IACR Secretariat (iacr@iacr.fr). Registries are encouraged to make full use of this facility.