ENCR activities

**Candidates for 2017 ENCR Steering Committee Elections**
The ENCR Steering Committee is soliciting nominations for candidates to stand for election following the end of terms of office for five members. A Call for Candidates will be open between 1 May 2017 and 30 June 2017 for interested individuals who would like to represent their cancer registry (or group of registries) and are available to contribute to the development of the Network. CVs of candidates will be posted on the ENCR website in July and August 2017 and elections will take place in September. Only cancer registries that are members of the ENCR will be able to vote. More information about nomination procedures and the election will soon be available on the ENCR website.

**2015 ENCR-JRC Call for Data and Project – update**
For the ENCR-JRC project on Incidence and Mortality in Europe, 123 CRs from 29 European countries are participating. Information on over 27 million cases has been received. Currently data sets are being validated. In the coming weeks each cancer registry will receive a feedback report on the quality of data submitted and will be asked to submit corrections. A second Call for Data is planned for the end of 2017. More information on the Call is available at: http://encr.eu/index.php/activities/2015-call-for-data.

**JRC-ENCR Software for Quality Checks**
The JRC-ENCR software includes format checks for incidence, population, mortality, multiple primary and life table files. Multivariate consistency edits of incidence data are also included. Your feedback would be appreciated to improve and further develop the software. The software can be downloaded from the following address: https://portal-encr.jrc.ec.europa.eu/download.

**The 62nd ENCR Steering Committee meeting**
The 62nd ENCR Steering Committee meeting took place on 31 January 2017. A summary of the minutes will be posted on the ENCR website soon: http://encr.eu/images/docs/sc/61st_SCmeeting-Summary-minutes.pdf.

**JRC Roundtable on "How can cancer registries best help cancer patients?" 1 February 2017**
JRC organised a roundtable on how to improve the effectiveness of population-based cancer registries meeting the needs of possible stakeholders. The participants included: representatives of patients’ organisations and cancer patients (ECPC, Europa Uomo, Consumer Forum NCRI) the Chair of the ENCR, researchers who work in the field (Eurocare, CRO-Airtum, Dumas, Inserm), the president of ESMO, and representatives from DG SANTE and JRC. A stimulating discussion took place about possible future collaboration to tailor information produced by cancer registries to also address the health and social needs of cancer patients.

**ENCR Factsheets on pancreatic, bladder, thyroid and kidney cancers**
These factsheets are now published on the ENCR website.

**New 8th Edition of TNM**
The ENCR Steering Committee recommends that all cancer registries adopt the 8th version of the TNM from 1 January 2018, for cases with incidence dates from 1/1/18 onwards, taking into account clinical practices in each country.

**ENCR Site visits**
ENCR experts are available to carry out registry reviews and consultancies through site visits: http://encr.eu/index.php/activities/registry-reviews. A comprehensive report on the quality of the registry, including recommendations for improvement, could be delivered following a site visit.

**ENCR Working Groups**
Two Working Groups are revising the recommendations on "Date of Incidence" and "Multiple Primaries". Draft rules will be circulated to all cancer registries before finalisation in the coming months.
Upcoming events

5-7 April 2017: AIRTUM (Italian Association of Cancer Registries) Annual Scientific Meeting, Catanzaro, Italy
This annual scientific meeting will open with a seminar on risk factors and will discuss the use of cancer data in public health and for patients. More information is on the AIRTUM website: www.registri-tumori.it.

8-10 May 2017: GEKID (German Association of Cancer Registries) Annual Meeting, Hamburg, Germany
This meeting will include the General Assembly and discussions on the implementation of the new cancer registry law and registry manual. More information is available from the website: www.gekid.de.

24-26 May 2017: GRELL Ascension meeting, Brussels, Belgium
The proposed themes for the meeting are: stage; collaborative studies; evaluation of quality of care; evaluation of quality of life; survival; quality of data; childhood cancer; estimation; aging and cancer; clinical use of registry data. More information can be found on the GRELL website: http://www.grell-network.org/home-1/home_en.

Before the summer: ENCR-JRC Training on Data Quality, Ispra, Italy
ENCRI-JRC plan to organise a training event on data quality. More information, including the agenda, will be posted on the ENCR website soon.

4-17 June 2017: Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Cison di Valmarino, Treviso, Italy
This summer school is organised by the Department of Statistics and Quantitative Methods, University of Milano-Bicoca and the Department of Medicine, Karolinska Institute, Sweden. The school offers courses in biostatistics and epidemiology and their application in clinical and aetiology research and public health. More information can be found on the following website: www.biostatepi.org. 19 June-7 July 2017: IARC Summer School, Lyon, France.

The application deadline for this training was 31 March 2017. Three modules will be offered: two parallel modules in "Cancer Survival Methods for Cancer Registries" and "Implementing Cancer Prevention and Early Detection", and a third module "Introduction to Cancer Epidemiology". More information is available on the IARC website: http://training.iarc.fr/en/courses/summerschool/index.php.

29 June-21 June: 22nd Tumour documentation conference, Potsdam, Germany
The main theme of the conference is “From the Cancer Registry Law to Use for Patients” and will be tailored to staff employed in cancer registries. Presentations will cover documentation, software, and analysis of cancer registry data. More information is available from the following website: www.tumorzentren.de.

3 July-7 July 2017: Cancer Survival. Principles, Methods and Applications, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), London, UK
This is an intensive course on the principles, methods and applications of cancer survival with population-based data, using lectures, computer-based analytic exercises with real data, review sessions and a session for participants to present their own work or ideas. Net survival will be the main approach to analysis. More information is available on the LSHTM website: http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/study/cpd/scspma.html.

3 July-7 July 2017: Summer School on Modern Methods in Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Corte, University of Corse Pascal Paoli, France
This is an advanced course on statistical methods for excess risk analysis. The programme includes recent methods in order to propose a common methodology for unbiased cross-national comparisons of cancer survival. Transfer of methods for net survival estimations to some other specific applications (clinical research, occupational epidemiology) will also be covered. More information is available from the University website: http://sesstim.univ-amu.fr/hearstat-2017.

19 June-7 July 2017: 30th Residential Summer course in Epidemiology, Florence, Italy
The European Educational Programme in Epidemiology (EEPE) is under the patronage of the International Epidemiological Association, the WHO, Centre for Environment and Health and the Italian Association of Epidemiology, and is run in collaboration with several European Universities. The course offers five general modules on epidemiological study design and statistical analysis of epidemiological data. More information is available from the EEPE website: http://www.eepe.org/.

17-19 October 2017: 39th IACR Annual Scientific conference (IACR 2017), Utrecht, the Netherlands
The annual meeting of the International Association for Cancer Registries (IACR) will be jointly hosted by the Belgian and the Netherlands Cancer Registries. More information will be soon available on the IACR website: http://www.iacr.com.fr/.

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