



July 2016

## ENCR ACTIVITIES

### **2016 ENCR Scientific Meeting and General Assembly**

The *ENCR Scientific Meeting and General Assembly* will take place in Baveno, Italy, on 5-7 October 2016. The deadline for registration is 5 September 2016. Keynote speakers will present on various issues related to cancer registration and epidemiology in Europe, ranging from cancer registry data usage for paediatric cancer research to patient attitudes towards using their data for public health projects. Almost 90 abstracts from 25 European countries have been received and these were reviewed by the ENCR Scientific Committee. A total of 36 oral presentations have been selected and one keynote speaker has been invited to present each day.

The ENCR General Assembly will focus on future activities of the Network and cancer registries are strongly encouraged to contribute to defining the topics to be addressed. The JRC will invite European cancer registries to participate in an on-line survey at the beginning of September 2016 to elicit views on topics to be discussed at the General Assembly.

A training on quality of cancer registry data will take place before the Scientific Meeting and General Assembly, on Wednesday 5 October, 8.30-12.30 am. This workshop will cover the process of data quality evaluation, completeness of data and use of the Quality Check software. Participants will also be given an opportunity to check their own data submitted to the ENCR-JRC project.

Information about the ENCR Scientific Meeting and General Assembly is available [HERE](#).

### **2015 ENCR-JRC Call for Data – Update**

The 2015 ENCR-JRC Call for Data is intended for all the European population-based cancer registries and aims to build a unique anonymised database of cancer information and to accommodate multiple studies.

So far, 105 European cancer registries, from 29 different countries, have submitted data through the ENCR-JRC portal. Instructions for accessing the ENCR-JRC portal are available by contacting [JRC-ENCR@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-ENCR@ec.europa.eu). Information is available [HERE](#).

Following a specific request, the Call for Data Protocol was translated into Russian. Please find the Russian language protocol [HERE](#).

## ENCR-JRC Project on "Incidence and Mortality in Europe"

The ENCR-JRC project is intended for all the European population-based cancer registries and aims to estimate the incidence and mortality of cancer in Europe.

So far, 99 European cancer registries from 27 different countries have contributed by uploading data through the ENCR-JRC portal.

Currently, data are being validated; cancer registries will receive feedback on the quality of the submitted datasets soon. This process will be transparent and aims to improve the quality, validity, completeness and comparability of data.

Outputs from the ENCR-JRC project will be posted on the ENCR website in the form of factsheets, technical reports, European Cancer atlases and peer-reviewed papers. Preliminary reports will be shared with cancer registries before publication.

More information is available [HERE](#).

## The full version of the JRC-ENCR Software for Quality Checks has just been released!

The second release of the JRC-ENCR cancer registries' data quality check software is now available to download from the ENCR-JRC portal (<https://portal-encr.jrc.ec.europa.eu/download>).

This software has been developed by the JRC Cancer Information Group, and is based on the outcome of the Quality Checks Working Group co-ordinated by the JRC-ENCR during the period 2013-2014. It is designed to enable cancer registries to perform data quality checks on their own, testing the adherence of their data to the format required by the 2015 ENCR-JRC call.

This second version of the software follows the first release in November 2015, and in addition to the checks on the file format (for incidence, mortality, life tables and population) and on names of variables and order of variables, already included in the first version, it allows for internal checks on the content of variables (format, range, etc.) and for cross-variable checks (unlikely morphology-topography combinations, etc.).

This software is intended for limited distribution to the ENCR-affiliated registries only; it will then be improved and further developed on the basis of feedback collected from users.

We would appreciate your comments and will take into account all feedback received by 9 September 2016 for a refined version to be finalised prior to the 2016 ENCR Scientific Meeting and General Assembly in October.

## ENCR Steering Committee Meetings

The 60<sup>th</sup> ENCR Steering Committee meeting took place on 31 May 2016. A summary of the minutes is available [HERE](#). The 61<sup>st</sup> ENCR Steering Committee will take place on Tuesday 4 October 2016, prior to the Scientific Meeting and General Assembly.

## **ENCR and JRC Support to the Moldova Cancer Registry**

During the last week of July 2016, the National Statistical Institute of Moldova, in collaboration with the WHO country office, invited experts from JRC and ENCR to Chisinau to provide an assessment and consultancy support to the National Cancer Registry. The JRC and ENCR experts were requested to assess current procedures, evaluate the progress made since the 2013 visit and recommend improvements. The visit of experts was co-funded by the WHO country office and the JRC.

## **RECENT EVENTS**

### **IARC 50th Anniversary Conference: Presentations Available for Download**

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IARC a conference "Global Cancer: Occurrence, Causes and Avenues to Prevention" took place in Lyon, France on 7-10 June 2016. The major themes were structured around the core activities of IARC and covered global cancer occurrence, aetiology, prevention as well as implementation of prevention and early detection. Presentations from many of the conference speakers are now available to download from the IARC website [HERE](#).

### **European Commission Proposal to Protect Workers against Cancer-Causing Chemicals**

On 13 May 2016 the European Commission released a press statement on Commission proposals to better protect workers against cancer-causing chemicals. Cancer is one of the main causes of work-related deaths in the European Union, accounting for 53% of the total and therefore the single biggest health risk to workers in the European Union.

To improve protection for workers from cancer-causing chemicals, the Commission proposed changes to the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (2004/37/EC) to limit exposure to 13 cancer-causing chemicals at the workplace. More information is available [HERE](#).

### **CANCON Skin Cancer Prevention Campaign**

An online skin cancer prevention campaign has been launched by the CANCON Joint Action. CANCON, Cancer Control Joint Action is co-funded by the EU in the framework of the 2008-2013 Health Programme. The main goal of CANCON is to provide guidance for Member States and policy makers in various fields of cancer control.

The [SKINMAMA website](#) provides information on different types of skin cancer and skin cancer prevention. Incentives are provided to encourage young people to use the website, such as opportunities to win T-shirts and sunglasses.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC) Plenary Meeting

**24-25 November 2016, Lake Maggiore, Italy**

This year's plenary theme is ECIBC: when Science and Policy collaborate for Health. The first day will focus on Science for Policy Development and the second day on Policy for Science Implementation.

More information is available [HERE](#).

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

### Population-based Time-to-event Analyses International Conference

**31 August-2 September, London, UK**

This conference is co-organised by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and will focus on three themes of time-to event analyses, all of which concentrate on population based data and translational epidemiology:

- recent methodological development in competing risks and net survival;
- hierarchical and correlated data in survival and longitudinal analysis;
- causal inference in longitudinal settings with time-dependent confounding.

More information is available [HERE](#).

### World Cancer Conference

**26-28 September, London, UK**

This conference invites all Oncologists, Radiologists, Cancer Researchers, Pharmacists, Nurses, Scientists, Business Delegates, aspiring Students and Young Researchers to be a part of its global convention. The theme of the conference is around *"Integrating every bit of cancer research: Prevention, diagnosis and cure"*. [World Cancer 2016](#) is intended to provide an international forum for the dissemination of original research results, new ideas and practical development experiences which concentrate on both theory and practices. More information is available [HERE](#).

### ESMO 2016 Congress

**7- 11 October 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark**

The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) congress is a scientific platform to present oncology research. The deadline for abstract submission is 11 May 2016. The deadline for "late breaking abstracts" is 23 August 2016. Only abstracts, for which no conclusive data are available, at the time of the abstract submission deadline of 11 May 2016, will be considered for late-breaking status. These abstracts may be submitted for high quality, new research findings with implications for clinical practice or understanding of disease processes. More information is available [HERE](#).

## **38th IACR Annual Meeting**

**19- 21 October 2016, Marrakech, Morocco**

This annual Conference of the International Association of Cancer Registries will be hosted by the Casablanca Cancer Registry and the Princess Lalla Salma Foundation. Abstract submission and registration for the conference has been extended to 1 July 2016. More information is available [HERE](#).

## **48th Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology**

**19- 22 October 2016, Dublin, Ireland**

This congress is tailored to clinicians, scientists, nurses, allied health professionals, parents and survivors involved in childhood cancer. Abstract submission has now been closed. More information is available [HERE](#).

## **The World Cancer Leaders' Summit**

**31 October, Paris, France**

This is an important annual high-level policy meeting dedicated exclusively to furthering global cancer control. The event brings together key decision makers from around the world and encourages timely debate on emerging issues related to cancer. The Summit will be held at Hotel Salomon de Rothschild. More information is available [HERE](#).

## **World Cancer Congress**

**31 October-3 November 2016, Paris, France**

The World Cancer Congress is the leading platform for the exchange of best practice in cancer implementation science and a key networking opportunity for the global cancer and wider health community. The event is run by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and is hosted every two years by a different country-member organisation. The Congress will focus on a wide range of themes pertinent to cancer and the global health agenda. The Congress will be held in the Palais des Congrès. The deadline for abstract submission is closed. More information is available [HERE](#).

## **The 9th European Public Health (EPH) Conference 'All for Health – Health for All'**

**9-12 November 2016, Austria, Vienna**

The EUPHA Conference aims to contribute to the improvement of public health in Europe by offering a means for exchanging information and a platform for debate to researchers, policy makers, and practitioners in the field of public health and health services research as well as public health training and education in Europe. More information is available [HERE](#).

## 14th World Cancer Convention

21- 23 November 2016, Dubai, UAE

This conference is designed for international medical and health professionals and oncologists to facilitate the dissemination and application of research findings related to Cancer. The conference invites participants from all leading universities, clinical research institutions and diagnostic companies to share their research experiences. More information is available [HERE](#).

## The European Cancer Congress ECCO 2017

27-30 January 2017, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

From evidence to practice in multidisciplinary cancer care: a multidisciplinary conference which will focus on recent innovations and how these can be integrated into patient care; previous innovations and how these worked in the real world; prioritising and paying for the most effective approaches; organising cancer care delivery amid rapidly increasing complexity. More information is available [HERE](#).

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### Recent Publications from European Cancer Registries

Articles related to cancer registries in Europe, and published over the last three month period, in peer review journals, have been selected through PubMed-Medline search. [Please find the list here.](#)

## REGISTRY CONTACT DETAILS

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