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IARC Newsletter - September 2020

EDITORIAL

Dear friends of the Agency,

I am pleased to share with you our quarterly newsletter, informing you about some recent activities of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC): a selection of the latest institutional events, new scientific partnerships and publications, and also a special focus on IARC's crucial activities in cancer surveillance.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a strong wake-up call for more preventive actions and has put international collaborative research in the spotlight. A vital lesson from the past months is that no point in time is too early to invest in research on prevention, and this is of utmost importance for cancer as well. Coordinating the cancer research effort among global partners and investing in cancer research has a critical role to play in the global fight against the disease.

In the presence of Queen Letizia of Spain, 11 organizations, including IARC and the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), joined forces for the very first time to mark 24 September as World Cancer Research Day.

I am truly inspired by the slogan "Let's team up for cancer research" and hope this short newsletter will engage you in this endeavour.

Best regards,

Dr Elisabete Weiderpass, IARC Director

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Fifth annual World Cancer Research Day: International collaborative research is key



IARC and partners establish the International Collaboration for Cancer Classification and

for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer

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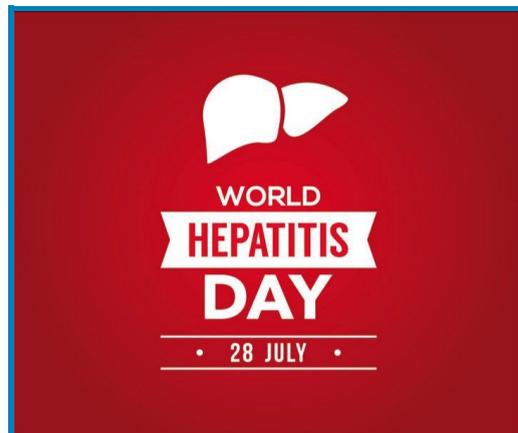
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Participation of Dr Elisabete Weiderpass in the report of the Mission Board for Cancer

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World Hepatitis Day 2020: IARC supports the WHO Global Hepatitis Programme

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Publication: Trans fatty acids from industrial processed foods may be associated with greater risk of developing ovarian cancer

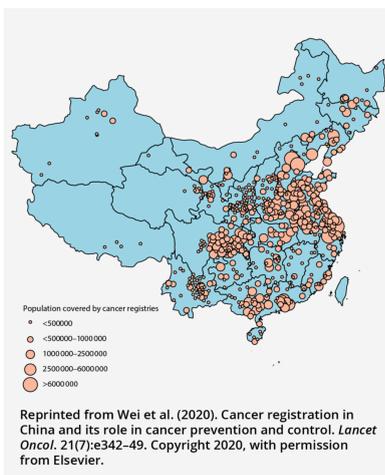
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Publication: COVID-19 and the role of new technologies in public health practices

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FOCUS ON CANCER SURVEILLANCE



IARC contributes to national cancer control

Population-based cancer registries (PBCRs) are key for cancer control. In collaboration with the National Cancer Center of China and the National Cancer Center of Japan, IARC reviewed the milestones in the development of **population-based cancer registration in China**. With the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean and national partners, **IARC reported on the contribution of PBCRs in national cancer control planning across countries in the Eastern Mediterranean region**.

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Classification systems for improved cancer data in children, adolescents, and young adults

IARC, together with a panel of international experts and stakeholders, released new guidelines on the staging of paediatric cancers and the collection of key data on childhood cancers by population-based cancer registries. A second group of multidisciplinary experts presented a new **classification system for cancers in adolescents and young adults**. These guidelines will inform the collection of standardized information to facilitate comparison of cancer data across regions and over time.

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ICBP SURVMARK-2

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The Cancer Survival in High-Income Countries (SURVMARK-2) project is part of the second phase of the International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership (ICBP).

- Survival, incidence, and mortality across countries
- Survival, incidence, and mortality over time
- Conditional survival
- Crude probability of death (pictograms)
- Crude probability of death (bar charts)
- Survival maps
- Survival by stage and country
- Survival by stage and age
- Survival by stage and time since diagnosis
- Stage distribution

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International cancer survival benchmarking

IARC, together with partners from the International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership (ICBP), has launched a new database that incorporates recent results of studies assessing the role of screening, early detection, and management of cancer patients to explain cancer stage at diagnosis and survival across seven countries with similar access to health care (Australia, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, and the United Kingdom). This user-friendly **online tool** provides comprehensive cancer data on incidence, mortality, and survival with a multitude of graphical options to explore.

Within the ICBP SURVMARK-2 project, researchers can apply for **expertise transfer opportunities** at IARC, to undertake analyses using the existing data to enable researchers to collaborate and gain expertise in survival analysis.

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OPPORTUNITIES AND USEFUL LINKS

Follow the Global Cancer Observatory (GCO) Twitter account [@GLOBOCAN_GCO](#) to receive daily facts on the cancer burden worldwide from the [GCO website](#), and updates about research using data powered by cancer registries.

GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR CANCER REGISTRY DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVE MONDIALE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DES REGISTRES DU CANCER
INICIATIVA MUNDIAL PARA EL DESARROLLO DE REGISTROS DE CÁNCER

The Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (GICR) aims to increase the coverage, quality, and use of data from population-based cancer registries in low- and middle-income countries. Follow the progress and get updates here: [gicr.iarc.fr](#)

UICC's **Technical Fellowships** and **Bourses pour l'Afrique Francophone** are reopening their **calls for applications** on 2 October, alongside the launch of the **2020 YY Study Grants**. **Virtual Fellowships** continue to be available for UICC members.

The call for applications for IARC Postdoctoral Fellowships 2021-2023 is now open!
More information regarding eligibility criteria and the application process [here](#)
Applications are to be submitted online by 30 November 2020



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