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IARC Newsletter - Special Edition

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EDITORIAL

Dear friends,

I am pleased to share with you this special edition of the IARC Newsletter. Today, we celebrate Giving Tuesday, the international day dedicated to generosity and solidarity. The past months have shown more than ever how important global responsibility is. This day provides an opportunity for you to commit to and support cancer research.

Cancer is a global pandemic; about 1 in 6 deaths worldwide are due to cancer. In 2018, cancer was the second most common cause of death, accounting for an estimated 9.6 million deaths globally. By 2040, this number is expected to rise to 16.4 million, and cancer could become the most common cause of death.

Did you know that up to 50% of cancers could be avoided by prevention?

Cancer prevention not only substantially reduces the number of cancer cases but also helps to improve the lives of people affected by the disease. If there is one thing we have learned from the current global health crisis, it is that it is never too late to work on prevention. Cancer prevention has driven several generations of scientists at IARC for more than 50 years, and continues to spur on our current researchers, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which tends to put cancer patients at higher risk of becoming seriously ill.

Today, we invite you to meet some of IARC's dedicated scientists and to discover their daily research activities for cancer prevention.

On Giving Tuesday, participate in cancer prevention, by supporting IARC's research!

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IARC'S LATEST NEWS



Breast Cancer Awareness Month: IARC scientists provide recommendations for reducing the risk of developing breast cancer and emphasize the need for more research in low- and middle-income countries.



8th European Awareness Week on Alcohol-Related Harm: IARC supports the initiative of the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) and participates in a webinar on alcohol and cancer.



Official launch of the WHO Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer: IARC publishes the *Atlas of visual inspection of the cervix with acetic acid for screening, triage, and assessment for treatment*.

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"A new Director, a new decade, a new building, for a new start!"

IARC is currently undergoing a period of transformation that has the potential to position it as the world leader in cancer research. The upcoming move to the Nouveau Centre in 2022 will mark a turning point for the Agency. The Nouveau Centre symbolizes IARC's ambition to be at the leading edge of global health research. The emphasis is on the principle of Open Science and true collaboration, to give IARC the opportunity to achieve its goal of reducing the burden of and suffering from cancer, now and for future generations.

The Nouveau Centre will give concrete form to IARC's vision for cancer research in the 21st century: a site to share creative, innovative ideas and data obtained with state-of-the-art equipment. It is a key catalyst as IARC embarks on this exciting new stage in its history.

IARC invites interested partners to invest in its new research centre. This is a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the global fight against cancer, by helping to bring the idea of Open Science to life. Your investment will contribute to the global fight against cancer far beyond the walls of this Nouveau Centre.

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