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## Bridging science and action: celebrating 60 years of IARC and looking ahead

**Lyon, France, 27 April 2026** – The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has published a landmark issue of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute Monographs* to mark the Agency's 60th anniversary.<sup>1</sup> The IARC@60 issue's editorial is titled "Bridging science and action: celebrating 60 years of the IARC and looking ahead."<sup>2</sup>

Coordinated by guest editors Dr Joachim Schüz, head of the Environment and Lifestyle Epidemiology Branch, and Dr Mary Schubauer-Berigan, Head of the Evidence Synthesis and Classification Branch at IARC, the issue features a collection of 12 articles written by IARC scientists and collaborators. They highlight major contributions to cancer prevention research and set priorities for the future.

"This issue of the *JNCI Monographs* reflects decades of work to identify the causes of cancer and provides a strong evidence base to inform prevention," says Dr Schubauer-Berigan. "It will help drive discussions at the IARC@60 conference on how to turn knowledge into action."

The articles will serve as a central scientific foundation for the upcoming IARC@60 conference (to be held on 19–21 May 2026 in Lyon), where these findings will be presented and discussed by international experts, policy-makers, and partners.

Up to half of all cancers are considered to be preventable. This collection of articles emphasizes the importance of translating evidence into effective and equitable prevention strategies worldwide.

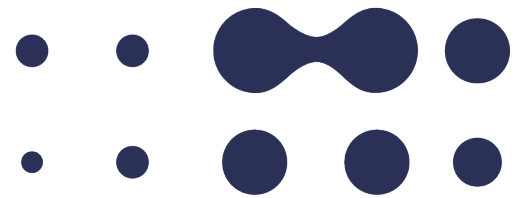
"The research presented in this issue shows that cancer prevention is achievable," says Dr Schüz. "The IARC@60 conference is an opportunity to accelerate the translation of this evidence into policies and interventions worldwide."

Covering areas such as cancer epidemiology, environmental and occupational risks, nutrition, infections, epigenetics, and global surveillance, the issue reflects IARC's integrated approach to generating evidence and informing public health action.

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<sup>1</sup> Schüz J, Schubauer-Berigan M, guest editors (2026). *Journal of the National Cancer Institute Monographs*. Volume 2026, Issue 72, April 2026; <https://academic.oup.com/jncimono/issue/2026/72>

<sup>2</sup> Weiderpass E, Chajès V, Chauvet C, Schubauer-Berigan MK, Schüz J, Keefe D, et al. (2026). Bridging science and action: celebrating 60 years of the IARC and looking ahead. *JNCI Monographs*. Volume 2026, Issue 72, April 2026, pp. 1–2; <https://doi.org/10.1093/jncimonographs/lqag002>



**Note to the Editors:**

To mark its 60th anniversary, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is convening a major international conference bringing together leading scientists, policy-makers, and global health leaders to address one of the most pressing challenges in public health: cancer prevention. To be held on 19–21 May 2026 at [Halle Tony Garnier](#) in Lyon, the [IARC@60 conference](#) will focus on how advances in cancer research can be translated into effective public health action worldwide.

**More information about the IARC@60 conference:**

[Register to attend the IARC@60 conference](#)

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