April Fritz

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is saddened by the passing of April Fritz, a long-time IARC collaborator, who died of cancer on Tuesday 12 September 2017.

April devoted her professional life to the fight against cancer, in particular to cancer surveillance, playing a pivotal role in the capacity-building of cancer registries worldwide. She made unsurpassed contributions to supporting the activities of the International Association of Cancer Registries (IACR) and to training generations of professionals in the IARC Summer School over many years. She also made major contributions to the development of the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O), the WHO/IARC reference publication for coding and classifying cancer.

April’s generosity will be greatly missed by all those who worked with her. Our deepest sympathy is with her family.