

Hungary joins the International Agency for Research on Cancer

Lyon, France, 16 May 2019 – The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is pleased to welcome Hungary as a new Participating State.

“By joining IARC, Hungary helps shape closer international research collaboration in key areas such as cancer registration, epidemiology, screening, and implementation research,” says IARC Director Dr Elisabete Weiderpass. “We warmly welcome Hungary and look forward to working together on joint research projects on cancer prevention.”

Cancer surveillance, health economic assessments, epidemiology, and research on the etiology of cancer are among the key domains in which Hungarian researchers have been particularly active. Research on screening for cervical, breast, and colorectal cancer, as well as head and neck cancer, has also been an important focus area.

The National Institute of Oncology (NIO, Budapest) plays a central role in cancer research in Hungary, and its expertise and professional excellence have been widely recognized.

NIO fosters collaborations in epidemiological studies, performs biological and clinical research, and trains cancer researchers in various disciplines. Its collaborators include key partners from the academic field in Hungary as well as international partners.

As part of IARC, Hungary joins other leading countries in cancer research. IARC Participating States shape the strategic directions of international research in cancer prevention and control. Collaborations between national scientists and the Agency frequently result in publications in the most highly rated international journals and enhance opportunities to obtain research funding.

IARC helps translate the latest scientific evidence into advice for the assessment, planning, and evaluation of specific aspects of national cancer control programmes. The Agency also strengthens countries' capacities for cancer research, prevention, and control by providing technical support in areas such as monitoring and evaluating cancer screening programmes and developing and implementing quality assurance programmes and cancer registries.

“Cancer research in Hungary is dynamic, and by becoming an IARC Participating State the country will both benefit from and further enrich our global network of leading research institutions, promoting access to world-leading international consortia,” says Dr Weiderpass.

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