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Dear friends of the Agency,

After 50 years in its premises at Grange Blanche, IARC has settled into its new headquarters in the Biodistrict of Gerland, Lyon. IARC's move to the Nouveau Centre will enable us to transition smoothly into a state-of-the-art, eco-friendly Agency, embracing and living the concept of Open Science. The smart building provides an inspiring environment for scientific collaboration and for advancing global cancer research. Its physical structure emphasizes transparency and symbolizes an Open Science approach.

As a driving concept of its strategy, IARC will deploy its Open Science policy in several areas: data sharing and code sharing, open access to scientific resources including the biobank, open access publishing, and public involvement in Open Science. As a United Nations family member, IARC will work on this policy in accordance with the UNESCO guidelines on Open Science. IARC will increasingly engage in open research data sharing, aimed at facilitating and maximizing data reuse. A new data sharing policy will facilitate the sharing of IARC's research data widely, while protecting the interests of IARC, its Participating States, and partners as well as the rights of individuals, including ethical and legal considerations. IARC is developing increasingly complex data analysis tools and will share these resources as open-source code, thereby supporting capacity-building for cancer research as well as transparency and reproducibility. The concept of open access to scientific resources will extend to IARC's biobank, i.e. its collections of biological samples, under a transparent governance and accessibility framework.

IARC personnel were formally welcomed to their new home on 20 January 2023, in the presence of Mr Grégory Doucet, the Mayor of Lyon, and Mr Bruno Bernard, the President of the Métropole de Lyon.

On 12 May 2023, the official inauguration ceremony will take place, in the presence of Mr François Braun, French Minister for Health and Prevention, and I look forward to seeing you all at the various events that are being planned.

Best regards,

Dr Elisabeth Weiderpass
IARC Director

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Launch of IARC website on socioeconomic inequalities in cancer

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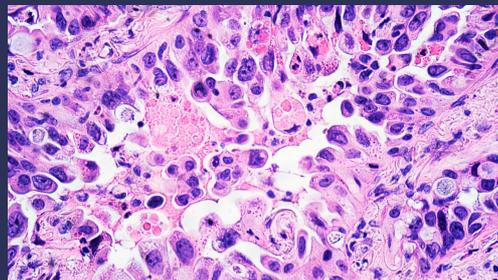
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Publication of the *IAC-IARC-WHO Cytopathology Reporting Systems, 1st Edition, Volume 1: WHO Reporting System for Lung Cytopathology*

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- Focus on Open Science



New Scientific IT Platform

Researchers and IT developers from IARC have launched a new Scientific IT Platform to facilitate data sharing and collaboration between research institutions, in line with modern best-practice data protection standards. The platform, developed by IT specialists at IARC and hosted on IARC servers, will enable external collaborators to remotely access and analyse data from epidemiological studies.

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Rare Cancers Genomics and Open Science

Rare cancers, which collectively account for 24% of all cancer diagnoses in Europe, are understudied and necessitate international coordinated research and cross-border data access. The IARC Rare Cancers Genomics Team is coordinating large genomic studies of rare cancers with Open Science as a cornerstone. To maximize the reuse potential of its work, the team provides a comprehensive suite of data and tools, ranging from raw sequencing reads to user-friendly interactive tumour maps, as well as reproducible bioinformatics pipelines.

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Global goods: Open and free

Thanks to its international network, IARC is able to provide open access to numerous and significant data resources through two specific platforms: the **Global Cancer Observatory**, an interactive web-based platform that presents global cancer statistics to inform cancer control and cancer research, and **CanScreen5**, a global data repository designed to collect, analyse, and disseminate information on cancer screening programmes and activities in different countries. These are only two examples of the global goods that IARC produces for the world, which also include the *IARC Monographs* and the *IARC Handbooks of Cancer Prevention*.



Open call: Nominations of agents to be evaluated by the IARC Monographs programme

You can nominate an agent for review by the IARC Monographs programme in 2025-2029. Nominations may include chemicals, mixtures, occupations, personal habits, and any other agents suspected of causing cancer. The deadline to submit nominations is 30 November 2023.

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Open teaching resources: A training toolkit on cancer prevention

The teaching toolkit on Cancer Research for Cancer Prevention, developed with the support of ESMO, includes PowerPoint slides, adaptable exercises, and useful links. It is hosted on the IARC Learning Portal, a free online learning platform for cancer researchers and health professionals worldwide.

[Download the toolkit](#)



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Open access to cancer research services: The canSERV project

The European Union (EU)-funded canSERV project, launched in September 2022, aims to provide cutting-edge and customized cancer research services to all scientists in EU Member States, to enable innovative R&D projects, and to foster precision medicine for the benefit of patients across Europe.

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