

83rd ENCR Steering Committee (SC) Meeting and Meeting of the JRC-ENCR Management Committee minutes

Date and place: 10 March 2023, Videoconference

Attendees: ENCR SC (2021-2023), JRC-ENCR Management Committee, Representatives from the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC)

Collaboration agreement between the EC JRC and the ENCR registries

Collaboration Agreement signatures: so far 82 registries have signed (71 general registries, 9 paediatric and 2 site-specific). 75 registries have submitted data in the 2022 data call to update ECIS.

ENCR SC composition

Laetitia DAUBISSE-MARLIAC, from the Tarn Cancer Registry in France was introduced as the new appointed member of the ENCR Steering Committee.

ENCR Survey to the registries

In the context of exploring on funding opportunities for the ENCR registries, a questionnaire was drafted by the JRC with the aim to collect information about registries' organisation, funding and practices. A section on recurrences is also included and will support the ongoing work on the tumour recurrences recommendation.

ENCR recommendations and Working groups

- The recommendation on Standard Dataset was endorsed by the ENCR SC.
- Work was ongoing for the Working groups dealing with Tumour Recurrences, Treatment Data Harmonisation.
- Working Groups addressing Neurological tumours and Haematological malignancies are being established.

ENCR Training and events

- A training on the new ENCR recommendation on Urothelial Tumours in Spanish took place, two additional sessions in English and French will be organised.
- A training on recurrences is to be scheduled once the recommendation is ready.

Next ENCR conference



The 2023 ENCR conference will be held as a joint ENCR-IACR event, on 14-16 November 2023, hosted by the Andalusian School of Public Health in Granada, Spain. The event will be co-designed with IACR.

ENCR SC elections

The current SC will end the mandate at the end of 2023, therefore ENCR elections should be arranged in the second half of the year. At the beginning of 2024 the official handover would take place.

Special issue in Frontiers in Oncology

Two papers are already published in Frontiers' Research Topic on "Joining Efforts to Improve Data Quality and Harmonization Among European Population-Based Cancer Registries", namely on the new ENCR urothelial tumor recommendation and on cancer treatment data availability. Additional papers are expected to come, on topics such as quality checks software, prevalence and childhood cancers. The manuscript extension submission deadline is 30 April 2023.

CanScreen-ECIS project

Specific aspects of the project related to the identification of screening indicators based on the cancer registries activity were reviewed.

Initiative NCI-NAACCR: 'Global Paediatric Cancer Database' (or Infrastructure) (LvE)

The NIH-National Cancer Institute (NCI) and NAACCR are promoting the setup of a global Pediatric Cancer Infrastructure and want to collect data on childhood cancer. The aim is to supplement classic pediatric cancer registry data with more detailed information on residential history, pharmacy, biomarkers, and genomic data in order to create a prospective data collection system with data submissions from participating countries and to facilitate the analyses for researchers across the globe.