

## **61th ENCR Steering Committee (SC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date and place:** 4 October 2016, from 13.30am to 5.30pm, JRC-Ispra.

**Attendees Present:** ENCR SC, European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC)

### **ENCR General Assembly, Scientific Meeting and Training Workshop**

The conference programme and the General Assembly agenda were discussed. The moderators for each scientific session and the timing were agreed. The SC agreed that an important message to get across is that the call for data was successful and collaboration with EURO CARE and IARC is going well.

Thirty-five participants enrolled for the workshop on data quality and all presentations will be recorded. This will be the first opportunity for JRC to present and explain the use of the software to CRs. The workshop will include both theory and a practical session along with concrete examples.

### **Update on the 2015 Call for data, the ENCR JRC project and portal development**

An update on the status of the 2015 ENCR- JRC call for data was presented. Participants include 115 CRs from 29 European Countries (100 general CR, 8 site specific CRs, 7 paediatric CRs). For the ENCR- JRC project 108 CRs from 28 European Countries - 95 general CRs, all sites, all ages, 8 site specific CRs and 5 paediatric CRs.

The total number of incident cases received so far is 23,431,128. There is a large heterogeneity between and within countries both for the percentage of population covered by cancer registries and for years of incidence submitted.

Next steps include finalising data collection from CRs not yet participating, completing the data quality checks, producing data quality reports and providing feedback to the CRs. The project outputs will include factsheets, technical reports, atlases and scientific papers. The SC agreed that the last opportunity for submitting data to the current call will be the end of October 2016. A second call for data will be launched at the end of 2017.

The development of a European Cancer Information System (ECIS) was discussed. Survival data, along with data on incidence and mortality, will form the core of ECIS. The priority is the development of the website and then the production of factsheets and atlases.

### **Survey of CRs**

The results of the ENCR-JRC Survey of CRs, on issues to discuss at the ENCR GA 2016, were presented. The survey was sent to 490 entities (including multiple contacts in some CRs). Forty responses were received. The most important issues for CRs include funding, quality control processes and legislation. The SC agreed that some general recommendations could be developed on how to apply for funding from international organisations.

### **Factsheets**



It was agreed that the JRC prepare factsheets on thyroid and kidney. The SC discussed the length of the factsheet and agreed that the original template should be used. Some exceptions are made for cancers e.g. lung cancer, where the incidence is very different for men and women.

**Date for next meeting**

The ENCR SC next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31 January 2017.