

## **62nd ENCR Steering Committee (SC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date and place:** 31 January 2017, from 9.00am to 5.30pm, JRC-ISPRA.

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

### **Update on the 2015 Call for Data and the ENCR JRC Project**

At the end of January 2017, 121 CRS from 29 countries participated in the Call for Data launched in 2015. For the next campaigns, it would be beneficial to ENCR-JRC, and easier for the CRs, if data submission were part of this annual process i.e. when the dataset is analysed locally it should then be submitted to ENCR-JRC. The next steps for the ENCR-JRC project will include checking the data, assessing their quality and feedback on this to CRs; data analysis and production of results will be shared with CRs before publication.

### **Data Processing workflow, quality indicators, data analysis and dissemination**

A comparison exercise between the outcomes of the JRC's Quality Checks Software (QCS) for data validation and EUROCORE routines was carried out and reported. The next step will consist of requesting corrections from CRs, in alignment with EUROCORE. It is planned that feedback reports be sent to the CRs around April, with a target of receiving the corrected and final datasets in May.

Indicators on data quality were reviewed and discussed.

### **Quality Check Software (QCS) validation exercise and revision of the 2014 Quality check report**

This comparison exercise between the JRC's Quality Checks Software (QCS) and the EUROCORE process was important to validate the QCS software and align checks with those of EUROCORE. One single feedback on errors and warnings should be sent to the CRs. The WG on Quality Checks will be reopened to update the 2014 report in order to adapt the case definition and checks according to the Call for Data protocol, to include the multiple primary tumour checks, to review some checks according to the experience with real data as well as reviewing the ones concerning survival in collaboration with EUROCORE and CONCORD.

### **Overview of CI5 Globocan projects and related data collection, computation of indicators/ estimates and collaboration with JRC**

IARC's CI5-XI and GLOBOCAN projects will be undertaken almost in parallel and are foreseen to deliver in the second half of 2017. IARC and JRC shall collaborate to release a unique set of incidence and mortality estimates for Europe. It was agreed that the ECIS website could be launched at the IACR General Meeting in October.

### **Elections to the ENCR SC meeting**

The next ENCR SC election will be held in autumn 2017, and will be announced through the ENCR NEWSFLASH and website. Candidatures will be received between 1 May and 30 June 2017. Short CVs of candidates will be posted on the website in June, July and August 2017. The voting period will be during 1-30<sup>th</sup> September and the results will be announced in October 2017. Successful candidates could be appointed during the October IACR meeting.

### **Working Groups on multiple primaries and date of incidence**

The Working Group on Multiple Primaries arranged two teleconferences along with a number of email discussions to agree on the rules for reporting and for registration. Once a document will be drafted, it will be sent for discussion to the Working group on Quality Checks. The Working Group on Date of Incidence also held two teleconference in December 2016 and January 2017, and a third one is planned for the second week of February with the aim to finalize draft documents by March 2017.

### **New TNM**

It was decided that the ENCR SC suggest adoption starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, depending also on the clinical practices in the respective countries, via an announcement in the NEWSFLASH.

### **ENCR Training courses 2017**

It was agreed that JRC organise two training events: one on data quality (in June) and one on data protection (in October or November).

### **Role of ENCR-JRC at next IACR meeting**

A dedicated ENCR symposium {pre- or post- satellite for half a day} plus a slot for a SC meeting will hopefully be organised at the next IACR meeting in The Netherlands, 17-19 October 2017. The symposium could include the following topics: (update on) the ENCR-JRC data call and project, data quality, ECIS, training courses for 2018, new SC elected members.

### **Developing accreditation procedures for European CR data**

A discussion took place about the benefits of developing formal ENCR accreditation procedures of CRs and CR staff. While accreditation of the CRs might be very difficult, recognition of the cancer registrars' skills might be feasible – it can be done through training courses and evaluation of the knowledge of the participants. Awarding an ENCR certificate following a structured review of the CR and an ENCR site visit was suggested as an alternative for accreditation.

### **Date for next meeting**

The ENCR SC next meeting will be held in May 2017.