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EDITORIAL

Dear friends of the Agency,

I am really excited to share with you several important milestones that have marked IARC's life over the past few months. Representatives from IARC's Participating States gathered virtually for the second time for the Sixty-Third Session of the Governing Council (17–18 May) and we welcomed China as a new Participating State. The Governing Council also adopted the 2021–2025 IARC Medium-Term Strategy. This strategy is aimed at positioning IARC firmly as a thought leader and global convener of scientific excellence in cancer prevention research, as well as a leading authority on global cancer prevention research. The Focus section of this Newsletter is dedicated to this key document and its practical implications for IARC's work.

IARC's collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) continues to strengthen and we are jointly organizing a webinar on cervical cancer prevention. We have also kept generating scientific evidence and sharing knowledge, for instance through videos on bladder cancer research and the launch of the Cancer Prevention Europe Learning Centre.

The construction of the Nouveau Centre building is advancing well. As you know, we are offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all our friends and supporters to inscribe their name (or that of a loved one) onto the glass doors of this Nouveau Centre. Please keep spreading the word about the **fundraising campaign** and let's write the next chapter of IARC's history together!

I wish you a lovely and safe summer period.

Best regards,

Dr Elisabete Weiderpass, IARC Director

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FOCUS ON THE IARC MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY



IARC Governing Council adopts IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025

This Medium-Term Strategy seeks to position IARC as the leading global cancer authority, promoting scientific excellence and improved knowledge of cancer prevention. It sets out IARC's priorities for the period 2021–2025, with a view to ensuring that the Agency's activities have a significant and sustainable impact on the global burden of cancer and, ultimately, on the life and health of the world's citizens.

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IARC's three emerging priorities

IARC will focus its scientific and research work on areas where it has the greatest public health impact and matters the most to the ultimate beneficiaries, i.e. individual human beings. This aspiration has driven the identification of IARC's strategic priorities. Two interlinked categories of priorities were identified: fundamental scientific priorities and emerging priorities.

IARC will gradually strengthen its engagement in three emerging priorities in 2021–2025, with a stronger emphasis on implementation research:



Evolving cancer risk factors and populations in transition



Implementation research



Economic and societal impacts of cancer

INTRODUCING TWO IARC RESEARCH TEAMS



The **Lifestyle Exposure and Interventions** (LEI) team develops preventive evidence-based lifestyle interventions that will help policymakers and other relevant stakeholders to reduce the risk and burden of cancer globally, through policies and guidelines promoting a healthy lifestyle.

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The **Cancer Inequalities** (CIN) team characterizes social inequalities in cancer within the wider context of the global transitions and patterns of cancer, while considering relevant mechanisms and inefficiencies in health-care services, thus providing a substantial enrichment to the current knowledge in the field.

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