Current Activities

Cervical Cancer Screening Workshop - October 2012

During 8 and 9 October, the second regional workshop from WP6 [Early Diagnosis and Screening] took place in Padova, Italy. The workshop, hosted and organised by the Veneto Oncology Institute, discussed the current debates surrounding the implementation of population based screening programmes for cervical cancer.

The workshop took place in the ancient surroundings of the University of Padova. Keynote speeches at the event were given on:

- 'The Development and Implementation of European Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines' [**Dr Guglielmo Ronco**, Centre for Cancer Prevention, Torino, Italy]; and
- 'Cancer Screening and Health System Resilience' [**Dr. Ahti Anttila**, co-Lead of EPAAC WP6, Finnish Cancer Registry, Finland].

To download the workshop report and to access the presentations made during the workshop, please visit HERE .

Through this link you can also find information from the previous workshop on colorectal cancer screening, which was held in Liverpool UK during March 2012.

More information about the workshop activities can be found on the **EUREGHA work stream homepage** .

Forthcoming Meeting: Consultation on the Revision of European Code Against Cancer

The European Cancer Leagues, as EPAAC Health Promotion and Prevention work package lead partner, are organising a consultation meeting in conjunction with IARC to collate feedback on the current European Code Against Cancer. The forthcoming meeting will discuss how communicating the new revision of the Code can be improved.

The meeting will take place on **12 December from 11:00 to 15:30 in Brussels**. Partners from the EPAAC are invited to participate.

To find out more detailed information on how to apply, please visit the European Cancer Leagues website or please email **WP5-ECAC@europeancancerleagues.org** .

You are invited to provide input into the European Code Against Cancer by completing a short survey accessible at the following link: **http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ECAC** .

Input requested: Quality Criteria for Health Checks

One of the key outcomes of the EPAAC early diagnosis and screening work will be to develop an initial consensus on pan-European quality criteria for health checks and periodic health examinations. This work is led by Foundation Nederland Normalisatie Instituut (NEN) and builds upon the good practice from the Netherlands.

As part of this work, NEN has released the draft Workshop Agreement for Quality Criteria for Health Checks (CWA). The CWA describes the basic principles of quality criteria for health checks and has been developed by a group of 36 experts from 16 European countries. To see the CEN Workshop Agreement Quality Criteria for Health Checks, please click **here** .

Quality criteria for Health Checks aim:

- to allow clients to make informed choices about health checks,
- to improve beneficence in prevention and early detection of health risks and disease,
- to protect individuals against potential adverse consequences (maleficence) of health checks and
- to ensure the quality of the health checks.

Experts are invited to comment on the draft document by 26 December 2012 by using the website
www.normontwerpen.nen.nl
. For guidelines in how to the use this site in English, please click
here
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NEW European Cancer Observatory

Launched in August 2012, the European Cancer Observatory (ECO) is a project developed at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in partnership with the European Network of Cancer Registries (ENCR) in the framework of the **EUROCOURSE project** supported by the European Commission.

The ECO web site is a one-stop shop that permits unique, easy access to data on cancer incidence, prevalence, mortality and survival in 40 European countries. ECO will be a valuable tool for policy-makers, medical and research professionals as well as civil society. The ECO platform provides a comprehensive system of information on cancer burden in Europe across three web sites: EUCAN national estimates, EUREG registry data and EUROCIM downloadable data.

To visit the ECO please click HERE .

EPAAC Steering Committee meets in Athens, September 2012

The EPAAC steering committee, of which EUREGHA is a member, and advisory group meetings took place in Athens during 25 and 26 September 2012.

Amongst the key topics that were discussed were:

European Cancer Information System (ECIS): One of the main tasks of the EPAAC Work Package 9 (WP9) is to propose a strategic reorganisation of the data and information flow, aimed at better supporting cancer control and cancer research activities. The WP9 proposal for the development of the ECIS has been discussed at length in the EPAAC [and amongst relevant stakeholders] during the recent Open Forum in Rome and at key meetings, such as that of the ENCR in Cork 19-20 September 2012. Details on the final proposal are currently being fine-tuned with a view for release early 2013. For more information, please contact milena.sant@istitutotumori.mi.it
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National Cancer Plans: The EPAAC Steering Committee agreed to publish the final version of the Report on National Cancer Control Programmes on the EPAAC website - www.epaac.eu
. The publication is one of the key deliverables of EPAAC as it aims to establish the state-of-play in the development of National Cancer Plans in the EU. The remainder of the work package on National Cancer Plans will focus on conducting an analysis of the content and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the existing plans and seek to facilitate the transfer of knowledge and expertise obtained on the design, challenges encountered, implementation and outcomes of National Cancer Plans between the EU Member States.

To access the report, please visit HERE .

Possible future joint action on comprehensive cancer care: A possible future joint action on comprehensive cancer care was presented at the Steering Committee meeting. Once approved by the internal processes of the EC, the joint action will be published in the upcoming 2013 work programme of the EU Public Health Programme.

To access the key documents from the meeting, please visit **HERE** .

For more information, please contact d.ritchie@northwesthealth.eu .

Upcoming Opportunities

Over the coming months, there are a number of activities planned and opportunities available under the EPAAC or offered by EPAAC partners.

SAVE THE DATE: 3-4 June 2013, Breast Cancer Screening Workshop, Brussels

THE THIRD REGIONAL WORKSHOP OF EPAAC WP 6 [EARLY DIAGNOSIS & SCREENING] IS WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON **3-4 JUNE 2013**.

THE WORKSHOP WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE **BRUSSLES ROYAL ACADEMY, BELGIUM**

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THE FOCUS OF THE WORKSHOP WILL BE ON IMPLEMENTING **BREAST CANCER SCREENING**
PROGRAMMES.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING, OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT SOL WALLYN: solvejg.wallyn@wvg.vlaanderen.be .

Future EUREGHA Cancer Working Stream Meeting

The next Brussels-based meeting of the EUREGHA work stream [formerly working group] is planned to take place following the breast cancer screening workshop in Brussels on 3-4 June 2013.

The provisional focus of the meeting will be 'communicating population-based cancer screening programmes'. To register your interest, or for further information, please contact David Ritchie: d.ritchie@northwesthealth.eu
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IARC Summer School in Cancer Epidemiology - 2013

IARC is organising a series of training modules in 2013 on Cancer Registration and Cancer Epidemiology.

Two modules will be held from 17 June to 5 July. The first module (Cancer Registration: Principles and Methods) lasts one week and the second module (Introduction to Cancer Epidemiology) two weeks.

CANCER REGISTRATION: Principles and Methods (one week, 17-21 June)

Population-based cancer registration is a basic element of cancer control, making possible the rational use of resources as well as the identification of areas in need of research. In many parts of the world, cancer registries provide the only source of information on the size, nature and evolution of the local cancer problem.

INTRODUCTION TO CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY (two weeks, 24 June-5 July)

The course will focus on the practical application of epidemiological principles and methods to the various cancer control activities, ranging from the search for the causes of cancer to the implementation and evaluation of control programmes.

For more information, please visit HERE .

Contacts & Further Information

Remember to 'Like' EPAAC!

Various communication and dissemination tools have been developed for the EPAAC by the project's lead partner. These include the innovative use of social networks and media, which seeks to promote positive health messages to the general public and encourage the wider dissemination EPAAC activities.

To find more, please visit the following links:

EPAAC website

EPAAC twitter feed

EPAAC facebook page

EPAAC Linkedin group

If you have any specific questions about the EPAAC or the associated EUREGHA cancer work stream, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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