

63rd ENCR Steering Committee (SC) Meeting Minutes

Date and place: 31 May 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

Data have been received from 139 cancer registries (CRs) in 30 European countries (125 general CRs, 5 paediatric CRs, 9 site-specific CRs). Significant progress has been made with German CRs. However, privacy issues regarding Finland and Sweden still need to be addressed.

Feedback to the CRs on quality of submitted data, and data validation

The list of corrections to be asked back to cancer registries was revised, consisting of one excel file on errors and warning, plus an additional one focusing on multiple primary inconsistencies. In addition to this, CRs will receive a report including the explanations of the outcomes provided by the JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software (QCS), and lastly, a feedback report on data quality assessment.

Data validation rules need some revisiting, therefore the ENCR-JRC Working Group on quality checks needs to be reopened.

Joint ENCR-JRC- IARC exercise on 2016 predictions' computation

A workshop between JRC, ENCR and IARC was held at JRC-Ispra, on 22 May 2017, to discuss and agree on the computation and dissemination of incidence and mortality estimates. JRC, ENCR, IARC and IACR will collectively work on a single set of European estimates for 2016, and the acquired methodology will be followed from 2017 onwards by the JRC for the European estimates.

WGs on Multiple primaries and Date of Incidence

a. Multiple primaries

The Working Group outcomes - on the rules for reporting on multiple primaries, and on the date of incidence - were reported and revised. The draft recommendations will be sent to both IARC and IACR for comments.

ENCR- JRC event at the IACR Conference 2017

It was proposed that this event takes place in the afternoon of 19th October 2017, in the form of a General Assembly. Topics for discussion were proposed.

ENCR- JRC Training on Data Collection and Comparability, 3-4 May 2017.

Fifty-five people attended from 25 countries, many of them being senior staff that could pass on the knowledge on return. From the feedback survey, 38 participants (75%) responded with a very positive evaluation to the event.

ENCR-JRC Training on Data Protection

It was proposed that the JRC could organise a second training event - on Data Protection issues - later in the year. The SC suggested the course to be a one day event, for about 40 people, to cover the EU Directive and security issues common to all CRs.

ENCR - JRC contribution to Joint Actions

The ENCR involvement in this type of projects was discussed.

AOB and date for next meeting (AK)

The next SC meeting should take place on the 20th October 2017, following the ENCR-JRC symposium at the IACR event in Utrecht.