

## **7th edition of the WCRD:**

# **" Support research: to prevent cancer and catch it early "**

**26th, September 2022.** For seven consecutive years, the international research community celebrates the World Cancer Research Day (WCRD) on September 24, a global movement that seeks to raise awareness of the importance of cancer research to increase survival, facilitate access to scientific advances worldwide and reduce the global burden of cancer. This year, experts in the field of oncology and cancer researchers will focus on cancer health disparities, particularly in the areas of prevention and early detection research and care.

Cancer is a major public health problem and the second leading cause of death worldwide. The global burden of cancer continues to grow, and it is expected to double by 2040, compared with the number of cases in 2012. Due to this situation, coordinated action is required that brings together all international efforts with initiatives such as the WCRD. The international community comes together to promote cancer research and make a global call to raise awareness of the importance of cancer research and the current challenges that need to be addressed to ensure that research advances and results can reach patients as soon as possible.

### **Prevention and early detection, fundamental in research**

Under the motto " SUPPORT RESEARCH: TO PREVENT CANCER AND CATCH IT EARLY ", in the seventh edition of the WCRD campaign we aim to show the critical need for equity and diversity in cancer research as well as delivering to all communities' innovative methods to identify the disease earlier and treat it more effectively, ensuring equitable outcomes for all. The goal is to find common strategies designed to progressively reduce differences across the countries and regions, but also to increase survival and reduce the number of new cancer cases diagnosed.

Further information:

- **WCRD website:** <http://worldcancerresearchday.com>
- **Twitter** (@WCRD24Sept)
- **Facebook** (@WorldCancerResearchDay)
- **Instagram** (@worldcancerresearchday)

## **About AACR**

Founded in 1907, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) is the world's first and largest professional organization dedicated to advancing cancer research and its mission to prevent and cure cancer. AACR membership includes 49,000 laboratory, translational, and clinical researchers; population scientists; other health care professionals; and patient advocates residing in 128 countries. The AACR marshals the full spectrum of expertise of the cancer community to accelerate progress in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer by annually convening more than 30 conferences and educational workshops—the largest of which is the AACR Annual Meeting, with more than 74,000 attendees for the 2020 virtual meetings and more than 22,500 attendees for past in-person meetings. In addition, the AACR publishes nine prestigious, peer-reviewed scientific journals and a magazine for cancer survivors, patients, and their caregivers. The AACR funds meritorious research directly as well as in cooperation with numerous cancer organizations. As the Scientific Partner of Stand Up To Cancer, the AACR provides expert peer review, grants administration, and scientific oversight of team science and individual investigator grants in cancer research that have the potential for near-term patient benefit. The AACR actively communicates with legislators and other policymakers about the value of cancer research and related biomedical science in saving lives from cancer. For more information about the AACR, visit [www.AACR.org](http://www.AACR.org).

## **About Spanish Association Against Cancer**

The Spanish Association Against Cancer has been the reference entity in the fight against cancer for 66 years. It dedicates its efforts to show the reality of cancer in Spain, to detect areas for improvement and to set in motion a process of social transformation to correct them in order to obtain a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach to cancer. Its DNA is to be at the side of people, so its work is also aimed at helping them to prevent cancer; to be with them and their families throughout the process of the disease if they are diagnosed; and to improve their future by promoting cancer research. In this sense, through its Scientific Foundation, the AECC brings together the social demand for cancer research, financing quality scientific oncology research programs by public tender. Today, it is the social and private entity that allocates the most funds to cancer research with 92 million euros allocated to 525 projects, involving more than 1.000 researchers.

The AECC integrates patients, relatives, volunteers and professionals who work together to prevent, raise awareness, accompany people affected and finance oncological research projects that will allow a better diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Structured in 52 Provincial Branches, and present in more than 2,000 Spanish towns, it has 30,000 volunteers, 500,000 members and almost 1,000 professionals.

During 2021, the AECC has assisted more than 136.000 people affected by the disease. More information at [www.contraelcancer.es](http://www.contraelcancer.es) @ContraCancerEs Twitter. Facebook/Asociación Española Contra el Cáncer. Instagram/contraelcancer.es

## **About AIRC**

AIRC Foundation for cancer research in Italy supports innovative scientific projects thanks to a transparent and efficient fund- raising activity, disseminates scientific information and encourages a culture of cancer prevention at home, in schools, and everywhere possible. Today AIRC can count on 4.5 million supporters, 20.000 volunteers, 17 regional committees, all over the country, to ensure the necessary resources to more than 5.000 researchers - of whom 51% are under 40s and 61% are females - working to make cancer ever more treatable. In more than 50 years of activity, AIRC allocated over 1,6 billion euros to cancer research (as of January 15th, 2021). For further information, visit [airc.it](http://airc.it)

## **About ASCO**

Founded in 1964, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc. (ASCO®) is committed to making a difference in cancer care. As the leading global organization of its kind, ASCO represents more than 40,000 oncology professionals who care for people living with cancer. Through research, education and the promotion of the highest quality healthcare, ASCO works to defeat cancer and create a world where cancer is prevented or cured, and where every survivor is healthy. ASCO is supported by its affiliate organization, the Conquer Cancer Foundation. Learn more at [www.ASCO.org](http://www.ASCO.org), explore patient education resources at [www.Cancer.Net](http://www.Cancer.Net) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

## **About Cancer Research UK**

Cancer Research UK is the world's leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research. Cancer Research UK's pioneering work in cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment has helped save millions of lives. Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for its important research. Every step it takes to fight cancer depends on vital donations from society. Cancer Research UK has led progress that has already helped double survival in the UK over the past 40 years. Today, two in four people survive cancer for at least ten years. Cancer Research UK's aspiration is to accelerate progress so that by 2034 three in four people will survive cancer for at

least ten years. Cancer Research UK supports research into all aspects of cancer through the work of more than 4,000 scientists, doctors and nurses. Together with its partners and supporters, Cancer Research UK's vision is for the day when all cancers will be cured.

For more information about Cancer Research UK's work or to find out how to support Cancer Research UK, call 0300 123 1022 or visit [www.cancerresearchuk.org](http://www.cancerresearchuk.org). Follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

### **About the EACR**

The EACR is the European association of professionals working in cancer research with more than 10,000 members worldwide. Our mission is "The promotion of cancer research for public benefit: from basic research to prevention, treatment and care". The EACR was founded in 1968 by a group of researchers who wished to facilitate communication between cancer researchers throughout Europe across national borders. Today, the EACR promotes communication and collaboration among a thriving community of more than 10,000 members in 101 countries around the world.

### **About ESMO**

ESMO is the leading professional organisation for medical oncology. With more than 25,000 members representing oncology professionals from over 160 countries worldwide, ESMO is the society of reference for oncology education and information. Driven by a shared determination to secure the best possible outcomes for patients, ESMO is committed to standing by those who care about cancer through addressing the diverse needs of #ONEoncologycommunity, offering #educationforLIFE, and advocating for #accessiblecancerCARE.

[www.esmo.org](http://www.esmo.org)

### **About IARC**

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) is part of the World Health Organization. Its mission is to coordinate and conduct research on the causes of human cancer and the mechanisms of carcinogenesis, and to develop scientific strategies for cancer control. The Agency is involved in both epidemiological and laboratory research and disseminates scientific information through publications, meetings, courses, and fellowships.

### **About NCI and NIH (USA)**

NCI leads the efforts of the U.S. National Cancer Program and the U.S. NIH to dramatically reduce the prevalence of cancer and improve the lives of patients and their families through research on cancer prevention and biology, the development of new interventions, and the training and mentoring of new investigators. For more information about NCI and cancer, visit [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

NIH, the U.S. medical research agency, consists of 27 institutes and centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the lead federal agency conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and is investigating causes, treatments and cures for common and rare diseases. For more information about the U.S. NIH and its programs, visit [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov).

### **About the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)**

The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is the largest and oldest international cancer-fighting organisation. Founded in Geneva in 1933, UICC has some 1,180 member organisations in 172 countries. It enjoys consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and has official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). UICC has some 58 partners, including associations, companies and foundations committed to the fight against cancer. UICC is a founding member of the NCD Alliance, the McCabe Centre for Law & Cancer and the International Cancer Control Partnership (ICCP) and established the City Cancer Challenge Foundation in January 2019 and the Access to Oncology Medicines (ATOM) Coalition in May 2022.

UICC's mission is to both unite and support the cancer community in its efforts to reduce the global cancer burden, promote greater equity and ensure that cancer control remains a priority on the global health and development agenda. It pursues these goals by bringing together global leaders through innovative and far-reaching cancer-control events and initiatives, building capacities to meet regional needs and developing awareness campaigns.

[www.uicc.org](http://www.uicc.org)