

Improving Cancer Information in Latin America and the Caribbean

A Regional Meeting of Cancer Registries and Cancer Program Managers Hosted by PAHO-IARC- Ministry of Health Brazil- INCA

(Brasilia, Brazil, 13–14 October 2009)

Agenda

Purpose

To review progress, identify challenges and opportunities for improving information on cancer in the Region and to plan future collaborative activities.

Objectives

1. To learn about advances in PAHO-IARC agreement for collaboration and joint mid term plan.
2. To discuss progress to date, challenges and opportunities for implementing the PAHO-IARC collaboration and mid term plan.
3. To showcase available tools and resources to can support countries in their cancer registration and using information for cancer programs.
4. To disseminate best practice and results of successful experiences on cancer registration across the Americas.
5. To foster the current PAHO-IARC partnership and seek potential stakeholders in support of cancer register activities on the national, sub-regional and regional levels.

Expected Results

- Assessment of progress, challenges and opportunities in regard to the information on cancer at regional, subregional and national levels.
- Better understanding of the needs for cancer registry improvement in the Region, and the resources available within PAHO and IARC to address these needs.
- Identification of strategies, resources, training, and other opportunities to assist countries to improve information on cancer, especially in those areas with delayed progress.
- Deepened understanding and commitment among PAHO, IARC and countries and partners towards improving cancer information and implementation of mid-term plans.



Tuesday, 13 October 2009

- 8:30am Registration
- 9:00am Opening ceremony: PAHO/WHO representative in Brazil
IARC Representative
Minister of Health Brazil
INCA Director
- 9:30am **Session 1: Global and Regional Mandates & Collaborative efforts:**
1. WHO Resolution on cancer (2004) WHO and Regional Action plan for cancer control – B. Legetic, PAHO
 2. Advances in PAHO IARC collaboration and Mid term work plan Maria Paula Curado, IARC
- 10:00am **Session 2 : Information on Cancer in the region of the Americas: Progress to date, challenges and opportunities (20 min each)**
4. Cancer information re Mortality data (quality, access, estimates) Regional perspective, HA Unit Fatima Marinho
 5. Cancer incidence in the Region of the Americas (Latin America & Caribbean) - Data from CI5IX ; Maria Paula Curado
 6. LAC cancer registers in the region & relationship with cancer programs: IACR representative for LAC Eduardo Laura
- 11:00-11:20 Coffee break
- 11:20- 12:30 Discussion on challenges and opportunities
- 12:30 13:30 pm LUNCH**
- 13:30 Session 3- Health systems, policies & plans: use of Registry information for cancer control planning & management (15 min each)**
7. Brazil- . MOH BRASIL/INCA Deborah Carvalho/Cláudio Noronha
 8. Barbados- MOH Barbados/CHRC
 9. Chile Valdivia – National/Regional Health Authority
 10. National Cancer Registry of Costa Rica – Adolfo Ortiz
- 14: 30-14:45 Q&A
- 14: 45pm **Session 4. Setting up and maintaining a cancer register (15 min each)**
11. 25 years of Quito register – Patricia Cueva
 12. Experience of T & T register: Veronica Rouch
- 15:15 -15:30 Discussion on challenges and opportunities
- 15:30 -15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45 pm **Session 5 : Collaborative projects (15 min each)**
13. Use of technology for data quality improvement Cali, Colombia – Luiz Eduardo Bravo
 14. Latin Care project on cancer survival -Brasil – Sergio Koifman
- 16:15 :16:25 Q&A
- 16:30 Review of Draft Brasilia Letter of commitment (prepared by E.Laura)
- 17:00pm Summing up 1st-day discussions to contribute to PAHO IARC collaboration
- 17:15 pm Adjourn

Wednesday, 14 October 2009

8:30am **Session 4: Available tools and resources that can support countries in their cancer programs (15 min each)**

4.1 Technology support

Demonstration of CANREG 5 Maria Paula Curado
GLOBOCAN Maria Paula Curado

4.2. Training

IARC course on cancer registers:
Training for trainers on Cancer Registration and data evaluation.
PAHO- WHO long distance course on cancer control programs

4.3. Evaluation of quality of cancer registries
MOH /Brasil

10:00- 10:15 Coffee break

4.4. Networks and partnerships and potential stakeholders

EPICAN-Leticia Fernandez (Cuba)
Middle East Consortium of cancer registries – Joe Hartford –NCI
UICC – Roberto Zanetti

11:00-12:00am Group discussion: identification of additional tools and resources needed and Review of recommendations to PAHO-IARC plan of work

12:00- 12:20 Endorsement of Brasilia policy statement: Cancer registration in support to cancer program planning and management by Ministry of Health and the Partners

12:20 Close of the meeting

12:30pm LUNCH

Afternoon: “Train the Trainers” Course: **Cancer registration and data quality control in population-based cancer registries**