

# **PAHO-IARC Collaboration and Mid-Term Workplan: Progress to Date**



## **Improving Cancer Information in Latin America and the Caribbean**

**A Regional Meeting of Cancer Registries and Cancer Program Managers**

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# Mid-Term Workplan

## ✓ Political

- Institutionalization and integration of cancer registers and information on cancer, supported by the Ministry of Health in each country
- Integration within national health information systems
- Integration with other stakeholders, in connection with IACR and UICC
- Request for PAHO to have a reference professional for cancer within WHO ROs

# Mid-Term Workplan

## ✓ Technical

- Establishment and support of Cancer Registries in LAC
  - Developing criteria for optimal cancer registration
  - Use of technology for cancer registries
- The research component as part of cancer registry activities
- Methodologies to evaluate cancer registries
- Improve the country's ability to produce regionally and internationally comparable estimates
- Country-level organization with responsibility for quality control, resource centre, etc.
- Support in the planning process and prioritisation of the organisation of cancer registers (step-wise from coverage to quality)

# Mid-Term Workplan

## ✓ Educational / Training

- Support Centres of Excellence for training in LAC (sub-regional)
- Cover all competencies for building and maintaining cancer registries (e.g. data collecting, coding, analysis)
  - Promote use of University teaching resources, where available
  - Registrars to be certified by IARC/PAHO
  - Distance-learning as a particular paradigm
- Support/provide evaluation/revision for improvement of cancer registers
  - Register certification by external evaluators

# Mid-Term Workplan

## ✓ Communication-1

- Three main languages – translation of all main publications and information
- Dissemination of cancer registry information (within country and internationally), using the country's Ministry of Health (MoH) web home pages, IARC website, etc.
- Dissemination of information through PAHO's virtual health library (BVS), as well as the home pages of IARC, PAHO, etc.

# Mid-Term Workplan

## ✓ Communication-2

### ➤ Peer-reviewed information

- Consider funded journal edition with invited articles (e.g. *Pan Am J Public Health*)
- Review current LAC journals for possible journal to use
- Open-access articles

### ➤ Annual meeting