

EACR Strategic Plan 2024-2028

EACR

European Association
for Cancer Research

Today's Science is Tomorrow's Medicine

The EACR's mission, as set out in our Articles of Association, underpins all our work:

The advancement of cancer research, for the public benefit, from basic research to prevention, treatment, and care.

We aim to achieve this mission by:



Fostering
collaboration
between our
members

Facilitating
interaction
between our
members
and the wider
cancer research
community

Highlighting,
communicating
and celebrating
the work of our
members

Educating,
developing and
supporting cancer
scientists at all
stages of their
career

INTRODUCTION

EACR European Association for Cancer Research

The European Association for Cancer Research (EACR) is pleased to present our ambitious five-year strategy for 2024-2028. As an active and dynamic organization, we remain dedicated to advancing cancer research and fostering a warm and supportive community of cancer researchers and professionals.

At the core of our mission, we strive to be a reliable and trustworthy source of information and support for our members and the wider cancer research community. Over the years, we have established ourselves as a leading voice in the field of cancer research, providing unparalleled opportunities for networking, professional development, and knowledge-sharing.

We are proud to have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our members, with many describing the EACR as a welcoming and supportive community that has played a critical role in their research journey. As one member puts it, *"The EACR is the single best society for those interested in keeping up to date with all the cutting-edge developments in the world of cancer research."*

As we embark on the next phase of our journey, we are committed to building on our strengths and continuing to foster a dynamic and supportive community of cancer researchers. With the input and support of our members, we are confident that we can achieve great things together.



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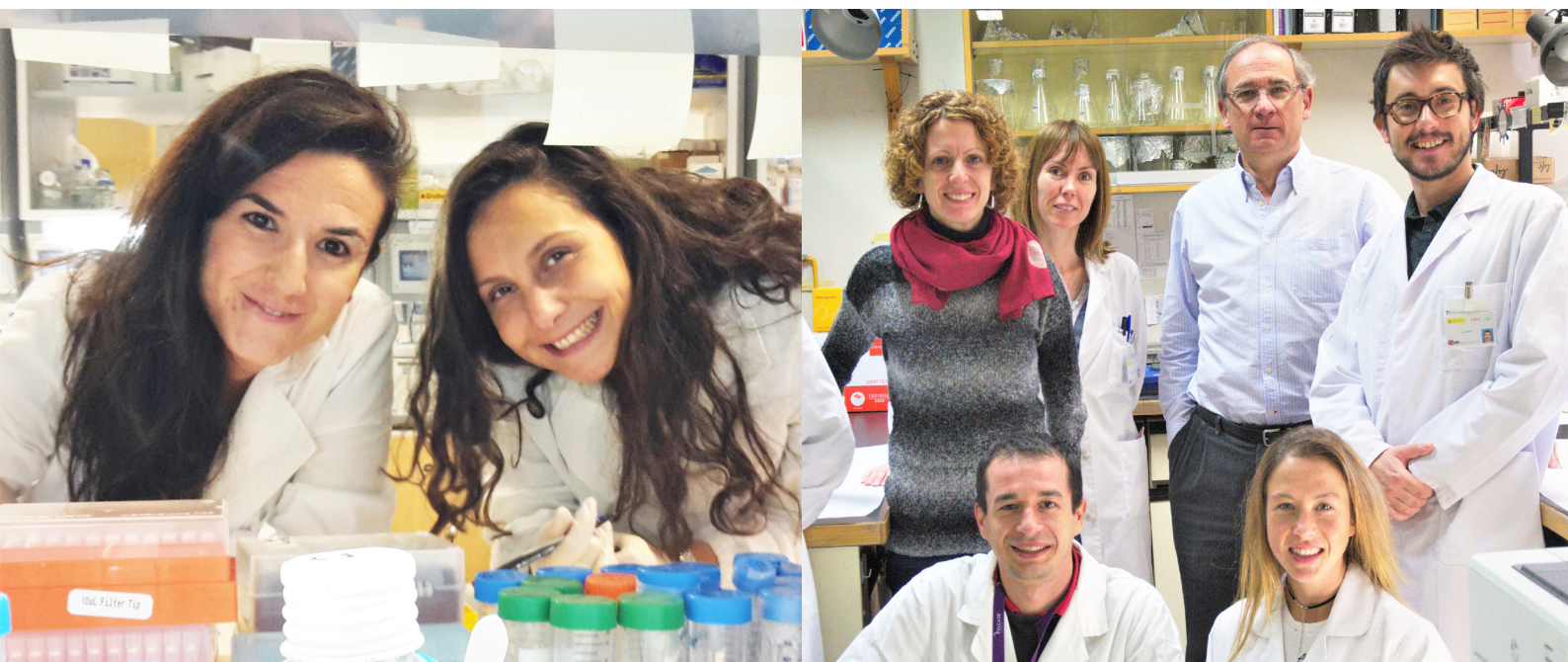
FOSTER COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR MEMBERS

Our 12,000+ members are the heart of our organisation and the very reason for our existence. We know that what our members value most are the opportunities we create for them to meet each other, develop their scientific networks and be part of a global cancer research community.

Fostering and championing high quality basic cancer research remains the EACR's prime priority. We will further strengthen this focus whilst continuing to demonstrate the translation of research into proof-of-concept human studies.

We will:

- Encourage new members to join the EACR, from diverse personal and professional backgrounds.
- Seek to represent, involve and support under-represented groups in cancer research wherever we can.
- Keep membership fees low and offer reduced rates to members in countries with low- and middle-income economies, and free membership to members of our affiliated National Societies.
- Further develop our online tools and events to enable members to network, share expertise and learn from each other.
- Work in partnership with our affiliated National Societies and other organisations to expand our reach and bring our members into contact with researchers further afield.



FACILITATE INTERACTION BETWEEN OUR MEMBERS AND THE WIDER CANCER RESEARCH COMMUNITY

At the EACR, we understand that creating opportunities for our members to interact with the wider cancer research community is crucial. To achieve this, we are committed to building relationships with like-minded associations and industry partners as well as contributing to collaborative projects, expanding our reach and providing fresh perspectives to our members. We believe that fostering transparent partnerships with industry will result in mutual benefits and push the boundaries of scientific knowledge for the benefit of patients.

We will:

- Build relationships with like-minded associations, to broaden our reach and to offer new perspectives to our members
- Nurture and grow our partnerships with industry, recognising that many of our members will work in that sector at some point in their careers. Our relationships with industry will always be transparent and have at their heart our shared goal of pushing the boundaries of scientific knowledge for the benefit of patients
- Contribute our expertise in communication to collaborative research projects, leveraging our global networks to raise the profile of European research strengths



EDUCATE, DEVELOP AND SUPPORT CANCER SCIENTISTS AT ALL STAGES OF THEIR CAREER

We are proud of our conferences; small, focused meetings with a reputation for scientific and organisational excellence. In 2020, we took these online and enabled a whole new audience to experience our events.

Our annual congress is hugely important to us; it helps us to forge our own identity, share excellent science and to generate funding to enable us to continue our work.

For our members, we have developed a popular webinar series of interviews, short scientific talks and more. We have also created a video library so that members can look back on all the webinars, and watch selected talks from conferences.

We will:

- Continue to deliver scientific conferences of the highest quality, both online and in-person, always providing opportunities for discussion, debate and interaction and offering discounted rates to our members.
- Regularly refresh and renew the topics we address at our events to ensure they cover the full basic science to clinic spectrum.
- Offer funding opportunities such as travel grants and fellowships to our members to enable them to develop their skills, knowledge and careers.
- Introduce a mentoring scheme for our members



HIGHLIGHT, COMMUNICATE AND CELEBRATE THE WORK OF OUR MEMBERS

At the EACR, we recognize the valuable work of our members and are committed to promoting and celebrating their contributions to cancer research. Our online platforms offer a variety of informative and interesting content, including an open access magazine, a regularly updated digest of the latest journal articles, a newsletter, and a podcast. Through these initiatives, we aim to champion the significance of basic cancer research and its impact on cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

We will:

- Champion the importance of curiosity-driven cancer research and highlight to the public the importance of basic cancer research and the impact it has had on cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.
- Publish a regularly updated and innovative online digest of all the latest and most important journal articles, available open access and in one place.
- Offer informative, interesting and relevant content to the wider public through our online, open access magazine, The Cancer Researcher, our fortnightly newsletter and our podcast.

