



Bridging Continents and Data:
Cancer Registries for Cancer Control

4-7 November 2025
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2025 IACR SCIENTIFIC Conference

4 NOVEMBER 2025 TUESDAY

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES - SMYRNA Hall (Main Hall), Ege Palas Business Hotel

<p>09:00 - 12:00</p>	<p>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: Large Language Models in Cancer Registry Innovation</p> <p>In this workshop, we will explore how Large Language Models (LLMs) can accelerate the work of cancer registries. This session will cover how LLMs work and provide examples from cancer registries and cancer research.</p> <p><u>Link to Workshop Folder / Repository: https://github.com/IKNL/iacr_2025_llm_workshop</u></p> <p>Lead Faculty: Dimitris Katsimpokis, PhD Senior Clinical Data Scientist, IKNL Netherlands Comprehensive Cancer Organisation Co-Faculty: Prof. Hongmei Zeng, National Cancer Center China Prof. Iacer Calixto, Amsterdam University Hospital Irene Cara, IKNL (Research and Development department) and Amsterdam UMC (Medical Oncology)</p>
<p>12:00 - 13:30</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK, EGE PALAS RESTAURANT</p>
<p>13:30 - 16:00</p>	<p>PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP: Large Language Models in Cancer Registry Innovation (Part 2)</p> <p>Participants will engage in a hands-on practical session in Python, learning how to use LLMs for text classification and text generation. Basic familiarity with Python is advised but not necessary.</p> <p>Lead Faculty: Dimitris Katsimpokis, PhD Senior Clinical Data Scientist, IKNL Netherlands Comprehensive Cancer Organisation Co-Faculty: Prof. Iacer Calixto, Amsterdam University Hospital Irene Cara, IKNL (Research and Development department) and Amsterdam UMC (Medical Oncology)</p>
<p>13:30 - 17:00</p>	<p>IACR Board of Directors Meeting (Hall C) 13:30 - 16:00 <i>Closed Session</i></p>
<p>16:30 - 17:30</p>	<p>BENCHISTA Working Group (Smyrna Hall)</p>
<p>18:00</p>	<p>WALK TO THE RECEPTION VENUE</p>
<p>19:00</p>	<p>WELCOME RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES Havagazi Factory</p>



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5 NOVEMBER 2025 WEDNESDAY

IACR 2025 Day 1, Wednesday 05 November, SMYRNA Hall (Main Hall), Ege Palas Hotel

08:30 - 09:00	OPENING SESSION IACR 2025 Scientific Conference Host Prof Sultan Eser
09:00 - 09:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE: Regional-Level Efforts and Collaboration in Strengthening Cancer Registration and Use of Cancer Registry Data for Cancer Control Dr Heba Fouad, Noncommunicable Disease Surveillance Programme, World Health Organization EMRO Discussion moderated by Les Mery
09:30 - 10:00	Updates from the International Agency for Research on Cancer Research (IARC) and the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development (GICR) <i>Freddie Bray, Head of Cancer Surveillance, International Agency for Research on Cancer</i>
10:00 - 10:15	COFFEE & TEA BREAK
10:15 - 11:30	Plenary Session 1: Descriptive Epidemiology Moderated by Sue Evans and J. Olufemi Ogunbiyi <i>Presentations followed by discussion after the last presenter</i>
10:20-10:30	Smoking Cessation in the Netherlands Can Prevent Over 120.000 Cancer Diagnoses In 22 Years' Time Jelle Evers
10:30-10:40	Cervical Cancer in a High-Income Jurisdiction: What's New? A Randomized Trial of HPV Vaccination Invitations Donna Turner
10:40-10:50	Persistent Inequities in LOCP Cancer: Evidence from 27 Years of Data in Sergipe, Brazil Carlos Anselmo Lima
10:50-11:00	Comparison of ICD-10 and ICD-11 compliant cancer incidence using the Japan National Cancer Registry Ayako Okuyama
11:00-11:10	Quality Indicators over Time of European Cancer Registries Data Submitted to the European Cancer Information System Joanna Julia Bartnicka
11:10-11:20	Twelve Labours to Better Find, Access and Utilize Linked Cancer Registry Data: Results from HERACLES Gijs Geleijnse
11:20-11:30	DISCUSSION
11:30 - 12:00	Special Presentation: Use of Cancer Registration Data in Contributing to Evidence-Based Cancer Prevention and Control in China Prof Jie He, Director, National Cancer Center of China <i>Introduction by Dr Wenqiang Wei</i>
12:00 - 13:30	LUNCH BREAK



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13:30 - 15:00	Concurrent Session 1A : Descriptive Epidemiology <i>Session Chairs: Kozeta Filipi and Tomohiro Matsuda</i>	Concurrent Session 1B: Stage, Comorbidities, and Prognosis <i>Session Chairs: Vesna Zadnik and Rob Verhoeven</i>
13:30 - 13:40	Spatiotemporal Analysis of Liver Cancer Considering Risk Factors: Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Cholangiocarcinoma in South Korea <i>Eunhye Park</i>	Effect of Organized Breast Cancer Screening Program on Incidence and Mortality in China <i>Siqi Wu Wu</i>
13:40 - 13:50	Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic And War on Cancer Incidence and Age Distribution in Ukraine, 2019–2023 <i>Olena Soumkina</i>	Availability Of TNM Stage In European Cancer Registries Within The European Cancer Information System, With A Focus On Six Major Cancers <i>Cristina Bosetti</i>
13:50 - 14:00	Cancer In Sub Saharan Africa <i>Biying Liu</i>	Uncovering disparities in metastatic breast cancer outcomes: an international population-based study <i>Hanna Fink</i>
14:00-14:10	Central Nervous System Tumors in the Veneto Region, Italy: Incidence, Treatment And Survival By Histotype <i>Stefano Guzzinati</i>	Breast Cancer Incidence and Stage During The Covid-19 Pandemic In The Greater Poland Region <i>Maciej Trojanowski</i>
14:10-14:20	Epidemiological Characteristic of very rare lymphoid malignant hemopathies in A French department <i>Marc Maynadie</i>	Lung Cancer in Never Smokers: A Population-Based Analysis Using Florida Cancer Registry Data <i>Paulo Pinheiro</i>
14:20-14:30	The Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Cancer Diagnosis Across Countries: An ICBP Population-Based Study <i>Eileen Morgan</i>	Divergent Patient-Disease Characteristics, Treatment Patterns and Survival Outcome in De Novo Versus Metachronous Metastatic Breast Cancer: A Nationwide Comparative Study <i>Ellis Slotman</i>
14:30-14:40	Tracking Cancer Transition in India: A Compositional Perspective Using Population Based Cancer Registries (1982-2012) <i>Ananya K V</i>	Subsite-Specific Analysis of Colorectal Cancer by Stage at Diagnosis, Treatment Patterns, and Survival in China <i>Jingyi Chen</i>
14:40-15:00	DISCUSSION	
15:00 - 15:30	COFFEE & TEA BREAK	
15:30 - 17:00	Concurrent Session 2A: Innovation, Research and Policy <i>Session Chairs: Sabine Siesling and Chuck Wiggins</i>	Concurrent Session 2B: Descriptive Epidemiology; Collaboration and Training <i>Session Chairs: Lamia Kara and Stefano Guzzinati</i>
15:40 - 15:50	CanRegtools: An R package for Population-Based Cancer Registry Data Analysis <i>Shaokai Zhang</i>	Trends and Predictions of the Burden of Malignant Tumors in Yunnan Province <i>Hongmei Wen</i>
15:50 - 16:00	The REDCAN Training Courses: Building Capacity for Cancer Registration in Spain and Beyond <i>Rafael Marcos-Gragera</i>	European Liver Cancer Burden by Subtype: Results From The European Cancer Information System (ECIS) <i>Giorgia Randi</i>
16:00 - 16:10	Diverging Trends in Early- and Late-Onset GI Cancers: Global Patterns and Projections to 2040 <i>Shaoming Wang</i>	Update On the Algerian Network of Cancer Registries: Assessing Cancer Incidence and Mortality Nationwide in 2022 <i>Houda Boukheris</i>
16:10 - 16:20	Uneven Progress in Global Liver Cancer Control: Evidence Based on 10-Year Analysis Across 42 Countries by Age and Sex <i>Xing Yao</i>	Cervical Cancer in Kyrgyzstan: Population-Based Trends in Stage and Mortality, 2016–2023 <i>Elena Ten</i>
16:20 - 16:30	Financial Toxicity and Quality of Life in Vietnamese Cancer Patients: Informing Future Cancer Registries <i>Tran Thu Ngan</i>	Pooling Expertise and Resources to Build an Innovative Educational Legacy in the Carriibbean: Savoir <i>Jacqueline Veronique-Baudin</i>
16:30 - 16:40	Cancer RADAR – Mapping Cancer Risk Among Individuals with a Migration Background Across Europe <i>Stefano Rosso</i>	Access Barriers to Cancer Data: Lessons Learnt from Nairobi Population-Based Cancer Registry <i>Melvine Obuya</i>
16:40 - 16:50	Intelligent Automation in Population-Based Cancer Registration: A Novel AI-Driven Platform for Streamlined Data Processing and Multi-Level Quality Control <i>Can Li</i>	Workload of Cancer Registry Staff After Legal Changes: The Case of Greater Poland Cancer Registry <i>Lukasz Taraszkiewicz</i>
16:50-17:00	DISCUSSION	
	END OF SESSIONS FOR DAY 1	



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6 NOVEMBER 2025 THURSDAY

IACR 2025 Day 2, Thursday 06 November, SMYRNA Hall (Main Hall), Ege Palas Hotel

08:00 - 09:00	Partners' Side Event: IARC-GICR Gulf CDC Working Group Meeting (closed session) Venue: Ephesus Hall
08:00 - 09:00	Partners' Side Event: CancerWatch EU Joint Action WP5 Meeting Venue: Smyrna Hall
09:00 - 09:30	IACR 2025 CLEMMESSEN LECTURE (Live Streamed via Zoom): Overcoming the colorectal cancer epidemic in the decades to come: Lessons from half a century of colorectal cancer screening research Prof Hermann Brenner Discussion moderated by: Freddie Bray
09:30 - 09:45	Awarding of the IACR Honorary Membership Award to Prof Hermann Brenner Introduction by Volker Arndt Moderator: Freddie Bray
09:45 - 10:45	Plenary Session 2: Innovation, Research and Policy Moderated by Hongmei Zeng and Gijs Geleijnse
09:45 - 09:55	When Data Speaks, Action Follows: A Registry-Driven Philanthropic Model for Cervical Cancer Swarnima Jaitley
09:55-10:05	Estimating the Timing of Ovarian Cancer Progression and Recurrence: Construction of a Machine-Learning Algorithm Based on Population-Based Administrative Data Freija Verdoot
10:05 - 10:15	CaRDO: an R package for Visualising and Publishing Population-Level Cancer Statistics Peter Baade
10:15 - 10:25	Assisting Registrar Queries with Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) During Cancer Registration Dimitris Katsimpokis
10:25 - 10:35	Automated Coding For Cancer Diagnosis Using Large Language Models: A Panel Study in China Kexin Sun
10:35-10:45	DISCUSSION
10:45 - 11:15	COFFEE & TEA BREAK
11:15 - 11:45	KEYNOTE LECTURE: The Pediatric Cancer Registry Experience in Turkey: Insights and Challenges Dr. Tezer Kutluk Moderator: Ceren Sunguc
11:45 - 12:45	Plenary Session 3: Childhood Cancer Moderated by Marianna Camargo de Canceled and Ahmad AlHatlan
11:50 - 12:00	Sixty Years of Monitoring Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Survival in Slovenia Maja Jurtela
12:00-12:10	Epidemiology of Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer and Disparities in Cancer Care in Varanasi, India Divya Khanna
12:10-12:20	Benchmarking Childhood Cancer Care: Empowering Population-Based Cancer Registries through the BENCHISTA Project Fabio Didonè
12:20-12:30	Country Based Risk Assessment of Subsequent Primary Neoplasms after Childhood Cancer: The CRICCS Study Results Ceren Sunguc
12:30-12:45	DISCUSSION
12:45 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK



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14:00-15:30	Concurrent Session 3A: Collaboration and Training; Descriptive Epidemiology <i>Session Chairs: Karen Knight and Paulo Pinheiro</i>	Concurrent Session 3B: Innovation, Research, and Policy <i>Session Chairs: Mariam Zahwe and Rafael Marcos-Gragera</i>
14:10-14:20	Enhancing Cancer Registries in the Gulf Cooperation Countries (GCC): Gulf CDC and IARC Partnership Sadeem Alshiban	Over One-Third of Cancer Cases and Two-Fifths of Cancer Deaths in Southern China Are Preventable: Insights from the latest Representative Population-Based Cancer Registry Data and Risk Factor Survey Xiaolan Wen
14:20-14:30	Leveraging Digital Infrastructure to Improve Cancer Registry Data Quality: Insights from the UAE National Cancer Registry Dr Mariam Alameeri	Federated LLM Automates Pathology Data Extraction at Tertiary Hospital to Support National Registry Efforts in Singapore Jens Samol
14:30-14:40	Impact of Smoking History on Population-Based Lung Cancer Survival in İzmir, 2010-2019 Hüseyin Örün	Cancer Registration System in Uzbekistan: Developing a National Cancer Registry Sayde Djanklich
14:50-15:00	Algerian Population-Based Cancer Registries Network Data Summary, 2022: Incidence and Main Cancer Types Lamia Kara	Enhancing Cancer Registry Data Quality in less-developed Cities: A Short-Term Training-Focused Approach Yanhua Zou
15:00-15:10	Cervical Precancer Screening and Invasive Cervical Cancer in Ekurhuleni District South Africa: 2005-2021 Kwandokuhle Shabalala	Quality Assurance of Cancer Screening by Identifying Cancer Patients Using Cancer Registry Data Masashi Matsuzaka
15:10-15:20	The Proportions of Cancers Associated with Modifiable Risk Factors in Luxembourg Jason Settels	The Role of Cancer Registries in Advancing Lung Cancer Screening (LCS) in Middle-Income Countries (MICs) Hamida Petrović
15:20-15:30	Effect of WHO's Guidelines for Covid-19 Mortality Coding on Underreporting of Cancer Deaths in Slovenia Tina Žagar	Health Behaviors and Socioeconomic Factors Associated with Pap Smear Screening Among Women Living in Martinique Rémi Houpert
15:30-15:50	DISCUSSION	


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15:50 - 16:15	COFFEE & TEA BREAK	
16:15-18:00	Concurrent Session 4A: Descriptive Epidemiology <i>Session Chairs: Anne Korir and Eileen Morgan</i>	Concurrent Session 4B: Mixed themes <i>Session Chairs: Shaoming Wang and Marc Maynadie</i>
16:20-16:30	Impact of Demographic Transition on Thyroid Cancer: Izmir Cancer Registry Data, 1998–2017 Ali Cem Yekdeş	Building on the Platform of the Australian Cancer Atlas: Results and Opportunities for Expansion Peter Baade
16:30-16:40	Professional Collaboration and its Impacts on Registry Data: The Ibadan Cancer Registry Experience J. Olufemi Ogunbiyi	Fighting Cancer in Albania: A Health System Under Pressure Kozeta Filipi
16:40-16:50	Trends in the Diagnosis of Prostate Cancer in Ireland by Type of Care Provider Ciarán Haugh	Interface Between Hospital-Based and Population-Based Cancer Registries: The Brazilian Experience Marianna de Camargo Cancela
16:50-17:00	Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Do Etiologies Matter for Prognosis? The Case of Madeira, Portugal Pedro Berenguer	Causes of Death in Survival Analysis of Cancer Patients Gemma Gatta
17:00-17:10	Global Trends in Kidney Cancer: GLOBOCAN 2022 Estimates of Incidence and Mortality Anton Barchuk	Cancer Incidence and Social Deprivation: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis in Guadeloupe Bernard Bhakkan-Mambir
17:10-17:20		Incidence of Common Cancers in Georgia in 2015–2019: A National Cancer Registry Study Ani Beraia
17:20-17:45	DISCUSSION AND AND OF DAY 2 SESSIONS	
19:00	DEPART FOR CONFERENCE DINNER	
19:30	IACR 2025 Conference Dinner <i>Venue: La Fourmi Restaurant</i>	



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7 NOVEMBER 2025 FRIDAY

IACR 2025 Day 3, Friday, 07 November, SMYRNA Hall (Main Hall), Ege Palas Hotel

08:30-10:00	Plenary Session 3: Stage, Comorbidities, and Prognosis Moderated by Isabelle Soerjomataram and Deirdre Murray
08:44-08:55	Cancer Survival for Rare and Common Cancers Based on the Japanese National Cancer Registry Data Hiromi Sugiyama
08:55-09:05	Short-term Breast Cancer Survival 2015-2018 in 35 Countries World-wide, by Age, Stage and Subtype (VENUSCANCER) Veronica Di Carlo
09:05-09:15	Are We Meeting the WHO GICC Target? An International Cancer Survival Index From CONCORD-4 Claudia Allemani
09:15-09:25	Cancer Survival for Selected Cancers in Türkiye (2010-2017): A Population-Based Study Mariam Zahwe
09:25-09:35	Lifestyle Factors and All-Cause Mortality In Long-Term Cancer Survivors: A Population-Based Prospective Cohort Study Chunsu Zhu
09:35-09:45	Cancer Recurrence, Progression and Transformation: New ENCR Guidelines for Population-Based Cancer Registries Anna Gavin
09:45-10:00	DISCUSSION
10:00 - 10:30	COFFEE & TEA BREAK
10:30 - 11:30	IACR 2025 CLOSING SESSION Chaired by Chuck Wiggins and Donna Turner
10:30-11:15	IACR 2025 Awards and Fellowships The IACR Honorary Membership Awardees Moderated by Donna Turner
11:15-11:30	Remarks by the IACR President Charles Wiggins
11:30-11:45	IACR 2026 Host City Invitation Conference Closing Remarks
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH
12:30 - 14:00	Partners' Side Event: CONCORD Working Group Meeting Venue: SMYRNA Hall
14:00	Social Programme: Izmir City Tour Departure from Ege Palas Hotel