

## Highlights

### 13 November 2015. WORLD PANCREATIC CANCER DAY (WCPD)

EUPancreas participated in several activities of this campaign to ensure prioritization of pancreatic cancer in Europe.

- In collaboration with the EUMulti-stakeholder platform: **Sign Now** the “Pancreatic Cancer Declaration”, our political manifestation of the unmet medical & research needs of this disease. [SIGN NOW!](#) [www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com)
- EUPancreas participated in the **dissemination of materials** developed by the platform (find them at: [www.pancreaticcancereurope.eu](http://www.pancreaticcancereurope.eu) & [www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com)), tailored to educate the public, medical professionals and policy makers on pancreatic cancer. We encourage you to disseminate them in your surroundings!
- **New press release** “Tackling the silent killer in Europe”, was published by EAPM in collaboration with EUPancreas. The press release is available in our website [www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com)
- **Seminar** on pancreatic cancer at the Spanish National Cancer Research Center, jointly organized by EUPancreas & the patient association GEPAC, to strengthen the involvement of GPs in the diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

### 11 November 2015. EUPancreas participated in the EU-Multi-stakeholder platform meeting in the European Parliament.

**Brussels, Belgium.** The discussions during the meeting were around the progress in the activities of the platform in particular work streams (awareness, diagnosis and registry - PancreOs), and whether Europe, in the form of the Commission and Parliament, could devote more attention to pancreatic cancer health policies, research and management.

### 12 November 2015. Launch of the EUPancreas Podcast!

[www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com)

[www.cost.eu/media/multimedia](http://www.cost.eu/media/multimedia)



### 2 November 2015. EUPancreas Publication in the Parliament Magazine (Issue 422)

[www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com)

[www.theparliamentmagazine.eu/](http://www.theparliamentmagazine.eu/)

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### 5 November 2015. EUPancreas Annual meeting. Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

This time we had a low rate of participation. For this reason, the WGs met together to present their updates, work progress and plans for the next Grant Period. Several discussions took place around the possibilities of interaction between the WGs by sharing resources (mainly developed by WG1 and WG2) and by activating and supporting common PDAC studies (e.g. WG3 high-risk population studies and WG1-WG4 PancreOs).

### 6-7 November 2015. “Burning issues in Pancreatology”. Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

During this workshop, co-organized by EUPancreas COST Action, EFISDS and EPC, the EUPancreas attendees enjoyed a diverse programme of sessions, covering epidemiology, treatment and surgical management of PDAC, associated pancreatic diseases (chronic pancreatitis, diabetes, etc.) and pre-malignant lesions (e.g. IPMNs). The participants also touched on unresolved research issues related to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of the disease.



Several EUPancreas members presented research activities conducted within the Action in these fields.

## Early Career Investigators (ECIs):

The **6th CALL FOR STSMs** will be launched in December. It will be advertised by email & at [www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com)

## Upcoming Scientific Events:

**4-5 March 2016:** Personalised medicine symposium. Signalling pathways in Cancer. Barcelona, Spain

**17 March 2016:** 4th Symposium on Molecular Pathology in Oncology. London, UK

**10-12 March 2016:** 3rd International Gastrointestinal Cancer Conference. St. Gallen, Switzerland

### EUPancreas events coming up:

**May 2016** (date to be confirmed): WG2 TRAINING SCHOOL “Statistical Interactions/Interactome”. Antwerp, Netherlands

**4-7 May 2016:** WG3 TRAINING SCHOOL “Genomic Medicine – Bridging research in the clinic”. Portoroz, Slovenia

## Funding calls:

H2020-SC1-2016-2017 (PERSONALISED MEDICINE)

## The “COST Action BM1204 EUPancreas” has been acknowledged in:

Earl J, et al. [Circulating tumor cells and \*kras\* mutant circulating free DNA detection in peripheral blood as biomarkers in patients diagnosed with exocrine pancreatic cancer](#). BMC Cancer. 2015;15:797.

Esposito I, et al. [Pathology, genetics and precursors of human and experimental pancreatic neoplasms: An update](#). Pancreatology. 2015;pii: S1424-3903(15)00632-8.

### Some Pancreatic Cancer-related published studies:

Basturk, et al. A [Revised Classification System and Recommendations From the Baltimore Consensus Meeting for Neoplastic Precursor Lesions in the Pancreas](#). Am J Surg Pathol. 2015;39(12):1730-41.

Smith, et al. [Candidate DNA repair susceptibility genes identified by exome sequencing in high-risk pancreatic cancer](#). Cancer Lett. 2015 Nov. pii: S0304-3835(15)00661-8.

Knapen, et al. [Use of Incretin Agents and Risk of Pancreatic Cancer: A Population-Based Cohort Study](#). Diabetes Obes Metab. 2015 Nov 5. doi: 10.1111/dom.12605.