

## Highlights

We are pleased to announce that The Czech Republic has joined our Cost Action BM12014 EUPancreas under the approval of the COST office and the MC. This was requested by Prof. Tomas Krechler from Charles University in Prague, whose research line is focused on screening strategies for pancreatic cancer in different high-risk populations of patients, and who joins WG3.

**WG1:** A meeting was held on the 27th April in Heidelberg (Institute of Pathology, University of Heidelberg, Germany), under the topic “tissue banking” for pancreatic cancer research. Dr. Esther Herpel, leader of the Tissue Bank of the National Center of Tumor Diseases (NCT) Heidelberg, talked us about the structure, facilities and management of the NCT. Her presentation can be found at: <http://eupancreas.com/mcwg-meetings>. Following a visit to the laboratories of the NCT and the European Pancreas Centre, future plans concerning WG1 activities on tissue banking were discussed.

WG1 meeting in Heidelberg




**Our website:** The eupancreas.com portal is going to receive an upgrade in the forthcoming weeks. The look of the Portal Home page will be improved and many new features will be added in the near future (newsletters, podcats, webinar, eLibrary,...), all with the intention of improving the dissemination of our activities within the COST Action, as well as the communication and feedback between the EUPancreas COST community. Use of our Twitter as a dissemination tool is highly desirable for this purpose. The account (<https://twitter.com/EUPancreas>) is going to be re-activated within the next days. The hashtag we will use during the EPC meeting in Toledo is: [#EUPancreasEPC15](https://twitter.com/EUPancreas). Please start using it!

## Early Career Investigators (ECIs) on Pancreatic Cancer:

 **Open call: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships (IF-EF)**

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/10057-msca-if-2015-ef.html#tab2>

**Deadline:** 10 September 2015

 **Open call: The European Young Researchers Award (EYRA) 2015 of EuroScience (dedicated to PhD students)**


<http://www.euroscience.org/calls/european-young-researchers-award-2015-call-is-open/>

Please contact the Science Officer of our Action if you need support.

**Deadline:** 1 June 2015





## The EUPancreas Action has been acknowledged as “COST Action BM1204 EU-Pancreas” in:


 Malvezzi M, Bertuccio P, Rosso T, Rota M, Levi F, La Vecchia C, Negri E. [European cancer mortality predictions for the year 2015: does lung cancer have the highest death rate in EU women?](#) Ann Oncol. 2015 Apr;26(4):779-86. doi: 10.1093/annonc/mdv001.

## Some Pancreatic Cancer-related published studies in April/May 2015:

 Cotterchio M, Lowcock E, Bider-Canfield Z, Lemire M, Greenwood C, Gallinger S, Hudson T. [Association between Variants in Atopy-Related Immunologic Candidate Genes and Pancreatic Cancer Risk.](#) PLoS One. 2015 May 6;10(5):e0125273.

 Campa D, Rizzato C, Stolzenberg-Solomon R, Pacetti P, Vodicka P, Cleary SP, et al. [The TERT gene harbors multiple variants associated with pancreatic cancer susceptibility.](#) Int J Cancer. 2015 May 4. doi: 10.1002/ijc.295

 Hiraoka N, Ino Y, Yamazaki-Itoh R, Kanai Y, Kosuge T, Shimada K. [Intratatumoral tertiary lymphoid organ is a favourable prognosticator in patients with pancreatic cancer.](#) Br J Cancer. 2015 May 5. doi: 10.1038/bjc.2015.145.

 Carrato A, Falcone A, Ducreux M, Valle JW, Parnaby A, Djazouli K, et al. [A systematic review of the burden of pancreatic cancer in Europe: real-world impact on survival, quality of life and costs.](#) J Gastrointest Cancer 2015 May 14 [Epub ahead of print]

## Upcoming Scientific Events:

 EARC Conference Series 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Conference on **Cancer Genomics**. Cambridge, UK. 28 June – 1 July 2015

 ESMO. 17<sup>th</sup> **World Congress on Gastrointestinal Cancer**. Barcelona, Spain. 1 - 4 July 2015

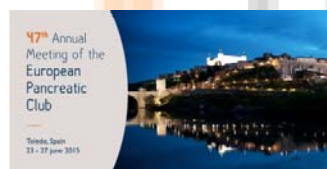
 40<sup>th</sup> ESMO **European Cancer Congress** Vienna, Austria. 25 - 29 September 2015

 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the **European Pancreatic Club (EPC)**. Toledo, Spain.

23 – 27 June 2015. Detailed information:

<http://eupancreas.com/workshops>

<http://www.epc2015.net/>



## Funding open calls:

**INNO INDIGO 2nd EU-India joint call** for proposals on « Diagnostics and interventions in Chronic non-communicable diseases.

**Deadline:** 22 June 2015

**Note:** There are currently no relevant calls for the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2, TRANSCAN-2 and the 3rd EU Health Programme.