

## Highlights

A joint meeting of the four Working Groups took place as part of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Pancreatic Club (EPC) on the last 23<sup>th</sup> of June. All WGs presented their updates and work progress. Several discussions took place around the possibilities of interaction between the WGs by sharing resources and by activating and supporting common PDAC studies, always keeping the EUPancreas' aim of joining forces in the network to build on pancreatic cancer research. Some of the issues discussed by the WGs regarding past on ongoing activities were:

**WG1:** Standardization and training on tools for PDAC studies, including pathological definitions, epidemiological questionnaires, and standardized operating procedures (SOPs) for biobanking.

**WG2:** Creation of an "omics data" repository for PDAC studies and development of standardized approaches and methods for integrated data analyses.

**WG3:** Design of high-risk population studies to tests markers for early diagnosis of PDAC

**WG4:** Development of guidelines for personalized Medicine in PDAC patient management, including a joint collaboration with PancreOS

The EUPancreas members were able to enjoy a diverse programme of sessions during the **EPC meeting**, covering different areas, such as epidemiology, treatment and surgical management of PDAC, as well as associated pancreatic diseases (e.g. pancreatitis, IPMNs, etc.). Several interventions of EUPancreas members made visible the Action during the meeting, among them the talks of invited speakers, the "Round table: increasing Pancreatic Cancer awareness in Europe", and the award to ECIs jointly given by EUPancreas and YOUNPPIE.



The **WG2 Workshop** on "Cancer genomics and personalised medicine: focus on pancreatic cancer" was held on 1st July in Barcelona, Spain.

Several examples of the applications of omics in pancreatic cancer research were presented by relevant invited speakers on this topic. A summary of the sessions held will be made available through [www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com) shortly.

**EUPancreas website** ([www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com)): The website has been renewed to provide more contents and timely information on EUPancreas activities to the COST membership. Several changes in the platform have been adopted to make it more interactive. Give it a look!

**Twitter:** [EUPancreas](https://twitter.com/EUPancreas) has already 48 followers, and is following 79 EUPancreas members and relevant organizations! Become a follower of EUPancreas in twitter if you have not done yet.

### Early Career Investigators (ECIs):

The **5th CALL FOR SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSMs)** is now OPEN. The deadline for applications is **September 4, 2015**.

Further information is available at [www.eupancreas.com/training](http://www.eupancreas.com/training)



### The "COST Action BM1204 EUPancreas" has been acknowledged in:

Mocci E, et al. [PanGen-Fam: Spanish registry of hereditary pancreatic cancer](#). Eur J Cancer. 2015 Jul 23. [Epub ahead of print]

### Some Pancreatic Cancer-related published studies in June/July 2015:

Nagata N, et al. [Development of Pancreatic Cancer, Disease-specific Mortality, and All-Cause Mortality in Patients with Nonresected IPMNs: A Long-term Cohort Study](#). Radiology. 2015 [Epub ahead of print]

Cauley CE, et al. [Circulating Epithelial Cells in Patients with Pancreatic Lesions: Clinical and Pathologic Findings](#). J Am Coll Surg. 2015 May 27. [Epub ahead of print]

Di Caro G, et al. [Dual prognostic significance of tumour-associated macrophages in human pancreatic adenocarcinoma treated or untreated with chemotherapy](#). Gut. 2015 Jul 8. [Epub ahead of print]

### Upcoming Scientific Events:

**Two new EUPancreas events are approaching. Please find the preliminary agendas at [www.eupancreas.com](http://www.eupancreas.com)**

**10-15 September 2015:** WG4 Training school on Genomics and Genticis. Aegina, Greece

**5-7 November 2015:** Annual Conference, MC/WG meetings and workshop on "Burning issues in pancreatology". Cluj-Napoca, Romania

#### Other events:

**24-28 October 2015:** United European Gastroenterology week (ueg week). Barcelona, Spain