

# GOVERNING AND SCIENTIFIC COUNCILS

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) was established in May 1965, through a resolution of the Eighteenth World Health Assembly, as an extension of the World Health Organization, after a French initiative. Its governance is effected through the IARC Governing and Scientific Councils.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL

IARC's general policy is directed by a Governing Council, composed of the Representatives of Participating States and of the Director-General of the World Health Organization. It meets every year in ordinary session in Lyon, usually the week before the World Health Assembly. The Governing Council elects IARC's Director for a five-year term. The Council re-elected Dr Christopher P. Wild in May 2013 to serve for a second five-year term as from 1 January 2014. The chairperson of the Governing Council prepares the meetings together with the Secretariat and, together with the vice-chairperson, advises the Director throughout the year.

IARC was deeply saddened by the untimely death of Dr Chariklia Balas (1967–2017), who had served as the Representative of Germany on the IARC Governing Council since 2013.



Courtesy of Ulrich Dietz

## SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Scientific Council consists of highly qualified scientists selected on the basis of their technical competence in cancer research and allied fields. Members of the Scientific Council are appointed as

experts and not as representatives of Participating States. When a vacancy arises on the Scientific Council, the Participating State that nominated the departing member may nominate up to two experts to replace that member. Scientific Council members are appointed for four-year terms by the Governing Council. The Scientific Council reviews the scientific activities of the Agency and makes recommendations on its programme of permanent activities and priorities. The Scientific Council meets every year in ordinary session in late January/early February.

## BUDGET

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