

# 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 5-year term. The Council elected Dr Elisabeth Weiderpass in

May 2018 to serve for a 5-year term as from 1 January 2019. The chairperson of the Governing Council prepares the meetings together with the Secretariat and advises the Director throughout the year.

## 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 4-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

IARC activities are partially funded by the regular budget contributions paid by its Participating States. In addition, substantial funding comes from extrabudgetary sources, mainly grant awards, both national and international. The regular budget for the 2020–2021 biennium was approved in May 2019 at a level of €44 149 793.

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