

**Statement for the Council Nomination Committee of EACR**  
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As a Council member of EACR I understood the importance of EACR as an European forum for cancer researchers, covering the spectrum from clinical to basic sciences, where fragmentation of cancer research could be overcome. Together with Mike Price we envisioned to organize an EACR Congress in Portugal which was not possible at the time. The objective was to bring more Portuguese scientists to EACR in an attempt to improve the situation in Portugal where there is no national cancer research organization. Oncology Institutes are invaluable for patients treatment but unfortunately do not have structured cancer research programs engraved in their mission. That was one of the reasons why we built an Associated Laboratory with the Ministry of Science in 1989 – IPATIMUP – having cancer research as its main mission. We, at IPATIMUP, are engaged in getting involved again in EACR bodies as a mean for contributing to the insertion of EACR in the Portuguese cancer research community and building a network of cancer researchers in Portugal.