

Lisbon, February 16, 2011

Subject: application for national representative member at EACR

Dear members of EACR,

I would like to briefly expose the main reasons that lead me to this application.

Being a clinician with a strong interest in molecular medicine I am a strong believer of translational research. In this perspective, collaboration between centers and multi-institutional projects is mandatory in order to achieve consistent and reproducible results that could translate into significant scientific and clinical advances.

I have experience on collaboration with research centers in USA (Penn State University) and in UK (Sheffield) and I envisage the establishment during 2011 of productive collaborations with centers in Spain. Although there is not yet a significant collaboration among institutions in a nationwide fashion in Portugal, I am a stronger supporter of such network particularly in clinical research and translational research projects. In my perspective, the best way to achieve that is to provide the opportunity of different institutions to participate in attractive projects with shared partnership.

I am an active member supporting the creation of the National Bank of Tumors project that is leader by Fátima Carneiro (from Porto). I have been consistently invited by the national committees to present conferences on my research theme at National Meetings.

Portugal is a country with great doctors and increasing science production. I would like to take this opportunity to improve the collaborative research in Portugal and to expand the network with European countries. To be successful in this contribution I count with EACR support and the willing of a brand new generation of oncologists and scientists with whom I have been in contact in the past years.

I believe I have enough experience in oncology research and as head of oncology division in my university hospital, I hope this can be translated to the objectives of my participation as possible representative of Portugal at EACR.

Sincerely,



Luis Costa