

Message from the Secretary General

Richard Marais looks at the developing membership of the Association and the affiliation of National Member Societies. He also highlights the work and remit of the new 'Education and Meetings Committee'



Richard Marais

I expect the membership of our Association to reach 10,000 this year. This is very encouraging, particularly as this growth is reflected in attendance at the EACR Congress.

We are welcoming increasing numbers of students to the Association who are supported with low cost registration rates at both the EACR and ECCO congresses. The increase in opportunities for meeting bursaries, travel fellowships, courses and a summer school are also proving very attractive.

I am particularly pleased to see so many students and early career scientists actively participating at the EACR congress and would like to offer a reminder that around forty meeting bursaries and scholarships will be available for EACR-22. They will be awarded to applicants who would find it difficult to attend without

such assistance and who submit a high quality abstract as part of their application.

The number of National Societies affiliated to EACR continues to grow and membership of the Association through National Society Membership accounts for more than half of all EACR members. In this context, I would like to encourage all members to take full advantage of what EACR has to offer. At the moment, proportionately fewer of our members through National Society membership apply for bursaries and fellowships, attend our congress, open EACR e-mails or respond to consultations. I am hoping, of course, that all members will be reading this Yearbook message and that this imbalance will soon be corrected. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome members of the Danish Cancer Society as members of EACR. I hope you will quickly see yourselves as EACR members and become involved in the Association's activities.

Following recent discussions the Executive Committee have formed an 'Education and Meetings Committee' with an important remit. One duty is to act as a sponsoring agent and to deliberate on applications for support from external groups and organisations

planning to stage a scientific meeting. If the meeting is likely to be attractive to members, the committee may be in a position to offer support. Application guidelines are available from the Secretariat. Reports received following sponsored meetings are included in the Yearbook or posted on our website.

Support in a variety of forms is also considered for meetings arranged by affiliated National Societies or National Networks, particularly where this can assist researchers to move towards more effective interaction or towards the foundation of a National Society.

Some special educational provision is also supported with EACR acting as a full partner. One example is the well established EACR-FEBS Summer School which takes place biennially in Spetses. We have also formed a partnership with OEI and a first course on Molecular Pathology has just taken place in Amsterdam. We intend to build on this successful provision with annual courses for at least the next two years and will be discussing the viability of other valuable projects with OEI.

The committee will also consider staging a symposium on a subject



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of immediate relevance, identified as a need or lacking in recent coverage. EACR have provided meetings on 'Chromatin and Cancer', 'Transcription and Cancer' and 'Inflammation and Cancer' in the past and will be staging a meeting on 'Cell Death and Cancer' early next year.

The committee has also agreed to support PIVAC by arranging the next 'Progress in Vaccination Against Cancer' annual meeting under the auspices of the Association. This model of partnership working will be explored further.

The broad remit of the committee is to receive and consider suggestions for meetings and courses. These will be carefully evaluated through a needs identification process and a careful consideration of the resources required.

Finally, I would like to mention www.eacr.org. Shortly after the publication of this Yearbook we plan to launch a redesigned website. Our current website has been carefully evaluated and is clearly providing a good service. It is rated highly by members and enjoys high recognition and levels of traffic. However, time moves on and we need a larger platform to present the Association and to allow easier navigation and access to information. I look forward to hearing your opinion of the new website when we survey members' opinions in November.

I hope there will be opportunities to meet and speak with members during the year and that I may look forward to seeing you in Barcelona for EACR-22.

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