The EACR Secretariat

The EACR Secretariat, based at Nottingham University since the Association was founded here in 1968, has moved to a new office at the University’s Jubilee Campus.

The new office of the EACR Secretariat is in the Sir Colin Campbell Building (pictured).

Our website address remains the same: www.eacr.org

You can use the ‘Contact Us’ section of the website to get in touch with us.

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EACR has a long association with the University of Nottingham and based its Secretariat on the main University Park Campus for more than 40 years, so our relocation last summer came as a surprise to many. EACR has now taken some modern office space in the strikingly modern Sir Colin Campbell Building (pictured above) on the University’s Innovation Park (UNIP), and staff members have a very friendly and supportive environment in which to work.

The Secretariat has grown over recent years to deliver an increasingly comprehensive service to members including the development of an educational programme of focussed meetings to complement the Association’s biennial congresses. The focussed meetings in the EACR Conference Series will grow to number 5 or 6 each year and will all be managed through the Secretariat. Each meeting will have a highly detailed and informative conference website. Members will benefit from discounted registration rates and a seamless abstract submission and registration procedure.
The Secretariat continues to offer a personal service for members with quick advice in response to inquiries including bursary, membership and travel fellowship applications, but has also made great strides with the web based communication channels now available.

The features of EACR’s own website develop apace and the fortnightly e-news bulletins, alongside special student editions and those highlighting the special features of the EACR congress, are much appreciated.

The Association’s meeting pages are now the place to go for any cancer researcher seeking information on courses and conferences, and the requests for postings of job and study opportunities are growing rapidly and may soon enjoy an equally high level of interest.

EACR staff members are pleased and proud to be working for an organisation with such important aims and were as delighted as the members of the Executive Committee when 96% of members responding to our members’ survey said they would recommend EACR membership to colleagues. It is personal recommendation that helps our membership grow year on year and is one of the most important ways that colleagues get to know about our biennial congress and meetings in the EACR Conference Series.

We conducted a quick survey amongst ourselves about which aspects of working for EACR in the Secretariat give the most satisfaction. Top of the list were the events attended and supported where it is possible to meet members face-to-face, usually when working at one of EACR’s own conferences or as a representative at a meeting the Association has elected to sponsor. Working on the new Conference Series of meetings was also very high on the list, particularly as the scientific organisers, faculty members and participant feedback so far has been excellent.

Working with our colleagues at ECCO on our congress, and larger conferences such as next year’s EACR-AACR-SIC conference in Florence, is always a pleasure. The EACR congress remains at the heart of EACR activities and its growing success is very rewarding.

As we outsource very little work, there is great satisfaction in fitting all the pieces of a project together from start to finish. The EACR Secretariat is also a communications hub where writing, designing and publishing is all completed ‘in house’.

Working with our committee members and involvement in European projects also gives an opportunity to learn and contribute more to achieving the Association’s goal.

Robert Kenney, Executive Director

In memory of Paul Saunders

Paul Saunders passed away in November last year following a long and brave fight against cancer.

Paul served the Association for 26 years, retiring from her post of Executive Director in 2006. At the EACR conference in Budapest she was made an Honorary Fellow of EACR - a heartfelt tribute to her personal and professional commitment to the Association.

Paul was much admired by her friends and colleagues in the Association. Prof. Marco Pierotti spoke on her retirement in November 2006 of the immense debt of gratitude that EACR owed Paul for all she had done for the Association. During Paul’s time with EACR the Association grew from just 600 members in European countries to over 6,000 worldwide. These figures say much about Paul’s energy and commitment.

For 18 of her 26 years’ service Paul worked very closely with Mike Price and together they developed the EACR Travel Fellowship Programme, which has enabled young researchers to travel to centres of expertise across Europe; the Meeting Bursary scheme, which has allowed countless young members to secure funding to attending scientific meetings; a sponsorship model to support and enable important scientific meetings to take place; and a number of valuable and prestigious awards that celebrate success in cancer research.

A service in celebration of Paul’s life attended by family and friends including colleagues from EACR and ECCO was held in Beeston close to Nottingham University. The service reflected many of the tributes sent from friends around Europe highlighting Paul’s great engagement and enthusiasm, dynamism, friendship and warmth.