

Summer is over and we say goodbye not only to the hot weather but also to several of our ECSA members. But every end is a new beginning. With autumn started a new stage for many ECSA members.

As always, we're always happy to hear from you or see you at our meetings and social events. If you have any feedback, questions or ideas, feel free to contact us on: ecsa@iarc.fr

Welcome to IARC

New arrivals from July 2015 to September 2015

Kuanrong Li



NME/NEP

Elom Aglago



NME/DEX

Aoibheann Dunne



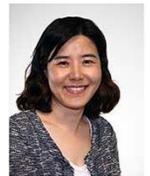
NME/DEX

Fazlur Talukdar



MCA/EGE

Hae Dong Woo



MCA/EGE

Vibha Patil



MCA/EGE

Laura Costas Caudet



GEN/GCS

Chunqing Lin



INF/ICE

Gessica Tore



INF/ICB

Lucia Minoni



INF/ICB

Maria Romero



INF/ICB

Sankhadeep Dutta



INF/ICB

Kevin Shield



CSU

WELCOME



ECSA International Dinner – *Sainte Russie*



After the summer break, ECSA organized another international dinner. The fifth edition took place on Thursday 24 September. This time Vitaly Smelov took us to a small Russian restaurant in the heart of Lyon called *Sainte Russie*. Our menu included Russian specialities such as salad "Stolichny", pirozhok, grechnevaya kasha and beef Stroganoff. The authentic Russian meals were accompanied by authentic live Russian music including traditional songs such as Kalinka Malinka, Katysha, Tsiganochka.

About 20 ECSA members enjoyed the international dinner in this charming restaurant, learning about Russian food, drinks, music and language, and discussing what the small band was singing about. For wine and beer lovers, the restaurant offered a wide range of wines and beers not only from Russia but also from Georgia, Poland or the Czech Republic. Dinner was a great success. Special thanks go to our host, Vitaly! Maybe, we will order VODKA next time ;)



5 minutes with ... Vitaly

Have you ever wondered how people end up at IARC? In the last newsletter, we introduced a new feature where we spend 5 minutes with an early career scientist roaming our halls and ask them about their story. This time we interviewed our friendly, extremely active, multi-talented Russian colleague *Vitaly Smelov*.



About science ...

What is your current area of research?

Human papilloma virus (HPV) infection in genital tract

What section/group are you working with?

I am a postdoctoral fellow in the Section of Early Detection and Prevention of the Screening Group.

What project are you working at IARC on?

I am working on a project called "Infectious co-factors in HPV induced malignancies". One of my special interest is *Chlamydia trachomatis* as an infectious co-factor.

Why did you decide to come to IARC?

I found the option of a postdoctoral fellowship at IARC very attractive. Apart from the research quality of the institution, my priority was to work in an international environment to exchange ideas and network.

Can you describe your career history so far?

1987–1993: Military Medical Academy, St. Petersburg, Russia (Medicine)

Since 1997: Urologist at various clinics in St. Petersburg, Russia

2006: PhD fellow, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2006–2008: PhD, St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia (PhD earned 2008)

2009–2013: Urologist at the Fertility Center, Pushkin, St. Petersburg, Russia

2009–2013: Lecturer at the North-Western State Medical University, St. Petersburg, Russia

2011–2013: Post-doc, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

2013–2015: Postdoctoral fellow, International Agency for Research on Cancer

About life ...

What are your hobbies?

I like travelling because meeting new people, exchanging the ideas and views inspire your creativity and keep your mind be open to changes. And then I enjoy reading, especially articles about economics. I don't have subscription to *The Economist*, but when I have the opportunity, I read it with a great interest. Also, my favourite topic is about the period between two world wars: it is very educational learning about how quickly challenges can happen and affect the daily life of humans as well as, again, economics.

If you had to choose a quote, phrase or expression that described you or how you see yourself, or how you see the world around you, what would it be?

I really like the advice my supervisor in Russia gave me and I would say that this expression has become my life motto. "Every problem has two solutions. However, if you are really bright, you find a third solution, which is the best."

And at the end what would be your suggestion, recommendation, wise words to the starting postdocs here at IARC?

The fellowship is a great opportunity. But be aware that it is a limited period of time. Don't waste it! Don't allow circumstances, whatever they are, to draw you away from your scientific interest and, also, from the fact that you live now and here. While it is your time, I do strongly believe in collaboration, which can sometimes be difficult but always has a great value.

Future roundtable speakers

Don't miss the opportunity to meet with reputable scientist during our roundtables. Based on your votes, following roundtables will take place:

Friday 13 November 2015

[Louise A. Brinton, PhD](#)

Tuesday 8 December 2015

[Professor Zhengming Chen](#)

More information on time and place will follow via email.

Time to say goodbye

Recently, several ECSA members left IARC. We wish them all the best in their professional and personal life.

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Ann Jorgensen

Kei Seno

Cong Li

Haddy Fye

Aminata Ndiaye

Christine Taljaard

Thomas Boyer

Claudia Aveni

David Muller

