



We bring to you all the news and announcements from ECSA. As always, we are 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: ecs@iarc.fr

IARC Junior Investigators Award 2017

For the second year, IARC launched the junior investigators award with the aim to encourage junior investigators to create a daring, high-risk research project. This opportunity allows junior investigators to experience the role as a principal investigator in applying for competitive research funding.

This year a total of 18 applications were received, each application was reviewed by two members of the scientific council and the Director of IARC.

We are proud to announce that 3 of the ECSA members (2 post-doctoral fellows and a PhD student) have been awarded the grant. We congratulate **Chunqing Lin** (INF/ICE), **Olena Mandrik** (EDP/PRI) and **Maria Zhivagui** (MCA/MMB) on their great success.

Chunqing Lin



Project title: Burden of cancer attributable to infection in China (BCAIC)

Olena Mandrik



Project title: Screening preferences among women in Belarus

Maria Zhivagui



Project title: In vitro analysis of the (epi)genomic effects of glyphosate (GLYPHOEPIGEN)



ECSA Tea Party

On Thursday 23rd March, Mohammed Sediq Sahrai hosted the monthly tea party. He had a selection of chocolate and Speculaas biscuits for us, they were lovely. We thank Sediq for the lovely afternoon.



On Thursday 20th April, Sabine Naudin hosted the monthly tea party. She prepared some lovely cake for us, it was delicious. We enjoyed the cake and had a great afternoon! Many thanks to Sabine for the delicious cake.

We hope to see you all at the next tea party!

Roundtable with Prof Nancy Krieger

A roundtable was held with Prof Nancy Krieger from Harvard University in the USA, which took place on Monday 10th April. This roundtable was part of IARC's 'Women in Science' series. The aim of this series is to discuss gender gaps and to also inspire women in science. Prof Krieger is Professor of Social Epidemiology in the Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences as well as Director of HSPH Interdisciplinary Concentration on Woman, Gender and Health.



Prof Krieger addressed many issues regarding equality in general and how understanding historical and cultural contexts can help frame current and future perspectives of inequality especially in relation to health. One of the focuses of this session was discussing what strategies can be implemented at an institutional level to help overcome and better define the barriers women have in science. One of the highlights of Prof Krieger's message was to pay attention to who is present/speaking in meetings and teams and how it's affecting science and health inequalities. Suggestions from her personal workplace included mentoring programs as a way to provide resources available where there is a need. Prof Krieger also mentioned the importance of allowing a space/forum for personality types that are often unheard a chance to speak. This impressive and inspirational roundtable session left us all with a little food for thought. We thank Prof Krieger for her time.

ECSCA International Dinner – Restaurant TOMO



On Thursday 13th April, ECSCA organised an Japanese dinner at Restaurant Chez TOMO. The restaurant provided many delicious dishes which included Kara-age (fried chicken), Tofu Amani, Tsukemono (pickled vegetables) and Miso soup.



After the main dishes, there was a selection of desserts. The deserts were Azuki (red beans), Goma (sesami) and different flavoured ice creams. The dinner was a great success and the food was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Kayo and Laura for organising this dinner.

Pedometer Challenge



IARC launched a Pedometer Challenge from March 3rd to April 7th. The aim of the challenge was to promote a more active lifestyle and to complete as many steps as possible. The WHO recommends 10,000 steps minimum per day. For the purpose of the challenge we made teams of 5 and the steps were recorded for 5 working days during 4 weeks. Each day's steps were recorded and at the end the team with the most steps won. Everyone had fun learning how to incorporate more steps in their day to day life.