

As the 2014/2015 year winds down the ECSA organising committee has been tying up loose ends from ECSA Day and planning for 2015/2016. Meanwhile ECSA members have been busy attending IARC Summer School and enjoying Korean cuisine. In the spirit of sharing knowledge in all things (not just science), this newsletter includes both an update on what's been happening around IARC and some interesting but (hopefully) useful information about the French and English languages.

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

## IARC Summer School



From 15 June-3 July 2015 IARC Summer School took place in Lyon. This year five ECSA members, along with many others from around the world, took part in the IARC summer school. The IARC Summer School is organized in modules and aims to stimulate research in cancer epidemiology by improving scientific knowledge and developing skills among researchers worldwide.

Module 1 (Cancer Survival Methods for Cancer Registries) was new in 2015 and took place on the first week which was followed by Module 2 (Introduction to Cancer Epidemiology) which ran for two weeks. All participants thoroughly enjoyed the modules and highly recommend them! Further information can be found on the [IARC ETR website](#).



## 5 minutes with... Christine

Have you ever wondered how people end up at IARC? We have decided to introduce a new newsletter feature where we spend 5 minutes with an early career scientist roaming our halls and ask them about their story. Our first feature is with *Christine Taljaard*, a visiting post-doc from South Africa who also attended IARC Summer School.



### About science...

#### **What is your institution of origin?**

North West University, South Africa

#### **What is your current area of research?**

- I. Dietary intake, physical activity and breast cancer
- II. Translational research and taking evidence into policy
- III. Nutritional Leadership

#### **What section/group are you working with?**

I'm working as a post-doc (3 months) in Nutritional Epidemiology working the South African Breast Cancer Study

#### **Why did you decide to come to IARC?**

- I. To work on data analysis
- II. To get exposure outside of my current environment
- III. To build my personal expertise with the aim of implementing it in my home country
- IV. IARC provides a good opportunity to build knowledge

#### **Can you describe your career history so far?**

2009: Bachelor of Science (Dietetics)

2010: Master of Science (Nutrition)

2012: PHD in Nutrition

### About life...

#### **What are your hobbies?**

Outdoor activities like running, cycling, hiking and swimming

#### **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 am a semi-selective membrane. I am aware of what I allow to influence me and the effect that I have on the people and environment around me"

## ECSA International Dinner... *La Corée*

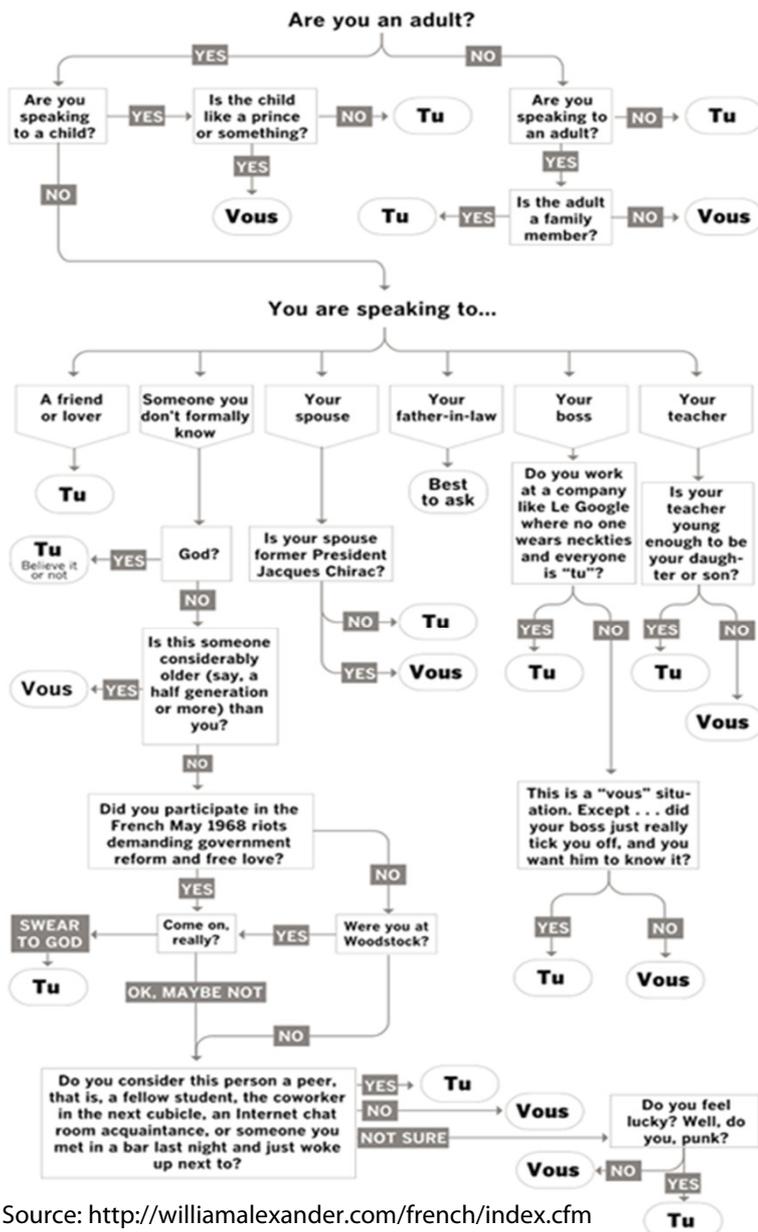


On 23 July 2015, ECSA organised their fourth international dinner at La Corée, hosted by Dr Min Kyung Park from the Dietary Exposure Group. We enjoyed a selection of tasty Korean specialities and were able to cook our own delicious BBQ meats. Over 20 ECSA members had a lovely evening learning about each other's cultures, including commonly used hand signals that vary from country to country! We can't wait for the next dinner!

## Language Corner

### Hang on, do I use "vous" or "tu"?

Many of us are not native French speakers and we often struggle with some of the rules of French grammar and French culture. Author, William Alexander's struggle has led to him creating this creative and fun flowchart to help us understand when to use "vous" or when to use "tu"



Source: <http://williamalexander.com/french/index.cfm>

### English isn't so easy either

English grammar has its own confusing aspects. Below is part of a summary of commonly confused adjectives in English. We hope this **little** summary helps **a little**!

**Many**: Use many with plural nouns. Example: Chelsea doesn't have many friends.

**Much**: Use much with collective nouns and singular nouns. Example: Gerald doesn't have much money.

**Few**: The word few represents a negative quantity or shortage. Example: Julian has few friends.

**A Few**: A few represents a positive quantity, but it can only be used with countable nouns. Example: Julian has a few friends.

**Little**: The word little expresses a diminutive size or a negative quantity. Example: The kitten is little.

**A little**: A little represents a positive quantity. Always use it with non-countable nouns. Example: There is a little sauce left.

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