

While reflecting on the tragic events of Vendredi Noir, ECSA reminds its members of the importance of following the recent recommendations from the SSR/DAF concerning the security and safety. It is always a good idea to inform your family or a friend of your whereabouts. If this isn't possible, make sure you inform a colleague at IARC. Stay safe.

As always, we are 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](mailto:ecsa@iarc.fr)

## Welcome to IARC

### New arrivals from October to November 2015

Robin Ohannessian



GSU

Miranda Fidler



GSU

Farida Selmouni



EDP/SCR

Claudia Robles



EDP/PRI

Alice Billot



GEN/GEP

Sengkwawoh Lueong Smiths



MCA/MMB

Manuraj Pandey



MCA/MMB

### Do you wonder where they come from?

Try to guess ☺



## Roundtable with Dr. Koplan

The roundtable with Dr. Koplan was attended by five ECSA members on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. It was a very beneficial meeting as Dr. Koplan not only discussed his own career with us, but he also shared many experiences from his years of service in Bangladesh and during the 1984 Bhopal Gas tragedy in India. At the time, he was the leader of an US expert team and described the various actions taken in the aftermath of the situation. Additionally, he provided valuable suggestions for our future career goals. We are very grateful to him for sharing his valuable time with us!



## ECSA Tea Party

To encourage networking between our early career scientists, ECSA has launched a new format of informal meetings: the ECSA Tea Party.

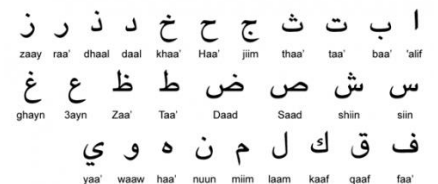
The first hobnob took part on 21<sup>st</sup> October and thanks to everyone's participation, in particular to its organizers Amy, Eleonora, and Hana (and her yummy, yummy cake!), it is believed it will become an ECSA tradition.

À bientôt!



## Arabic lunch

Recently, a couple of our colleagues began an Arabic lunch group at IARC. Their aim is to bring together colleagues (scientific and non-scientific) who want to learn the Arabic language and those who want to share their language.



### Interested to join the group?

For further information on date, time and place of future meetings, please contact:

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Lobna Boulegroun ([BoulegrounL@iarc.fr](mailto:BoulegrounL@iarc.fr))

## 5 minutes with ... *Min Kyung Park*

Have you ever wondered how people end up at IARC? We spend 5 minutes with an early career scientist roaming our halls and ask them about their story. This time we interviewed our very kind and inquiring Korean colleague *Min Kyung Park*



### About science ...

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

Human nutrition, specialising in epidemiology and dietary assessment methodology.

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

I am a postdoctoral fellow of Dietary Exposure Assessment Group (DEX) in the Section of Nutrition and Metabolism (NME).

#### What project are you working at IARC on?

I am collecting information on dietary monitoring surveys in Asian and Pacific countries to evaluate the benefits and challenges of using the GloboDiet software developed at IARC for nutrition assessment in Asian countries. Additionally, I participated in development of a Korean version of the GloboDiet software and in the analysis of meal patterns in five European countries.

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

I had a friend who was a postdoctoral fellow at IARC at that time and she suggested that I apply for the IARC fellowship program. Before applying, I worked for the National Cancer Center (NCC) of Korea on a collaborative project between NCC and IARC. Thanks this collaboration, I received a grant from Korea enabling me to come to IARC one year before my fellowship started.

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

2006–2011: PhD in Nutrition, Seoul National University, South Korea

2010–2011: Senior researcher, Division of Chronic Disease Surveillance, Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2012: Lecturer for Teaching of Food and Nutrition in Department of Food and Nutrition, Seoul National University, South Korea

2012: Researcher, Molecular and Nutritional Epidemiology Branch, National Cancer Center, South Korea

2012–2015: Postdoc & Postdoctoral fellow, International Agency for Research on Cancer, Lyon, France

2016: Postdoc, Alpert Medical School, Brown University, USA

### About life ...

#### What are your hobbies?

I love travelling. I wanted to visit as many places in France as possible. For my travels, I followed the list of most visited places in France, and I have almost completed this list. As a nutritionist, I am curious what people eat and therefore followed French cooking classes. These classes were given by a Korean teacher who graduated from the Paul Bocuse (ed. a very famous French chef) culinary school. They also help me to learn how to cook delicious Korean meals with French ingredients.

#### 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?

Sometimes, you feel frustration, but don't get discouraged. Live just for today. You will get another day, then another and another etc.

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

Open your mind! Enjoy your stay! Save water, drink wine! Travel!

## IARC Junior Investigator Awards Programme



Don't miss the opportunity!

IARC has launched a new internal grant program to encourage junior investigators to develop and pilot innovative, high-risk research projects. Up to three awards will be granted annually to a maximum of 25,000 Euros per award.

**Deadline is 15 December!**

More information on how to apply can be found here:

<http://intra.iarc.fr/directors-corner/junior-investigator-award>