This Newsletter bring to you all the news and announcements from ECSA. If you have any feedback, questions or ideas, feel free to contact us on: ecsa@iarc.fr. For more information on the featured topics, check out the SharePoint.

**Events**

Tea Parties  ❖  Christmas cocktail

**Did you know ?**

✓ A first 2018 pub crawl between ECSA members is planned next Friday (19th January). For further information, you can contact Myrto Dimakopoulou or Maria Romero.
✓ IARC has an exchange space where you can drop and take objects, furniture, etc. Check it out on the ECSA SharePoint. You can also contact Roland Wedekind, Robert Carreras or Katerina Mane.
✓ Weekly Lyon social events can be found on the links below:  
  https://lyon.citycrunch.fr  
  https://www.lebonbon.fr/lyon/

✓ If you are keen on brushing up your knowledge of languages and practicing, the language lunches have been around at IARC for a few years now! The idea behind it is to meet with people over lunch at the cafeteria and chit-chat in your favourite tongue. Below, you can find the list of the current language lunches being regularly held and the name of the person to contact if you’re interested in joining. **You can even launch your own lunch (portuguese, chinese, serbian, arabic, etc.)!**

**The different language lunches at IARC:**

**Comida española:** Every second week on Thursday starting from 4 Jan 2018. Contact Olaf Kelm.
**Déjeuner français:** Every second week on Thursday starting from 11 Jan 2018. Contact Olaf Kelm.
**Deutscher Mittagstisch:** Every second week on Monday starting from 8 Jan 2018. Contact Olaf Kelm.
**Nederlandse Lunch:** Once in a while (doodle to come up). Contact Inge Huybrechts or Olaf Kelm.
**Russian Lunch:** Once in every two months, the day is chosen depending on participants’ availabilities. Contact Evgenia Ostroumova.
Wrap it up

In this section we feature a Wrap up of a recently published papers by ECSA members. In this issue, it is with great pleasure that we are featuring the latest papers by Miranda Fidler (postdoc, CSU) and Chunqing Lin (postdoc, INF/ICE) with a brief summary of their main findings.

• Cancer incidence and mortality among young adults aged 20–39 years worldwide in 2012: a population-based study, by Miranda Fidler.
  Cancer is a major cause of premature morbidity and mortality in young adults aged 20-39 years, with nearly one million new cancers cases and 400,000 cancer-related deaths occurring in this age group in 2012. Although the cancer burden in terms of incidence was greatest in high-income countries, the mortality burden was three-times greater in developing regions, reflecting both differences in cancer profiles and inferior outcomes. Targeted, resource-dependent interventions, including vaccination, early detection programs, and curative treatment are needed to decrease the cancer burden in this underserved age group.
  You can also check the full article: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045(17)30677-0

• Human papillomavirus types from infection to cancer in the anus, according to sex and HIV Status: a systematic review and meta-analysis, by Chunqing Lin.
  A human papillomavirus (HPV) meta-analysis and review was completed, namely describing HPV type-specific prevalence across the spectrum of anal disease, by gender and HIV status. HPV16 is by far the most carcinogenic type in the anus, irrespective of gender and HIV status, which should be a clear priority target for anal cancer prevention.
  You can also check the full article: http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(17)30653-9

Do not hesitate to contact us to share with us your latest publication!

Special Announcement

The United Nations Inter-Agency Games (UNIAG) will be back in Italy in 2018. It will be held in Montecatini Terme from May 2 to 6. The event will gather over a thousand people, between UN workers and their families, coming from 47 different Countries. You can find more details on the official website (http://www.interagencygames.org/iag2018/)
Thank you Laura, we hope to see you soon post-IARC and good luck!

Tell us more about your new position and the project you will be working on:
I am going to work on a project focusing on agriculture for nutritional health. We will look at the food and vegetable chain in lower and middle income countries and how we can improve the accessibility of the population to fruits and vegetables using different perspectives: economic, social but also the nutritional perspective which is the part of the project I’ll be examining.

Great, this sounds like something a bit different from what we are used to at IARC and more diverse:
In a way it is! For me, fruits and vegetables are very much related to non-communicable diseases (NCDs), if you look at the general dietary guidelines to prevent NCDs, intake of fruits and vegetables plays a very important role. So, indirectly, the project still relates to disease and matches with my background as a nutritionist.

How would you describe your experience within the ECSA-OC?
One of the great things is that we have the possibility as ECS to have a voice, ECSA provides us with the platform to bring a unified voice out to the management team. What I really liked about ECSA is that we are all working together. This it really gives a sense of friendship and togetherness, of working on a common cause. I really think that ECSA is giving you the opportunity to learn more about the organisation and meet great people, learn how to navigate in an organisation, get your point across and stand up for your rights. In a sense it is also about accountability and bringing light into areas of ECS’s daily working conditions that need attention, or are worth looking into and improving. So this is the technical part of ECSA but also, ECSA and the ECSA-OC is a great group of people to work with, towards a common goal.

How would you rate your IARC experience in general, what did this last year bring you?
First, I really improved my skills in statistics. Second, it really taught me a lot about how to keep standing in a highly political organisation. Overall, my IARC experience in general equates with great colleagues, it’s one of the things I’m always singing about to people back home, I don’t expect I will ever ever ever find such great colleagues.

A word of advice for ECS? We can make a list if you want...
I think one the most important things is that you need to stay close to yourself; what I mean by that is figure out for yourself which direction you want to take your career, because there are so many ways others think that you can do research in, but it’s really important that you find /follow your own path, your own truth and your own direction! Of course you can take into account other people’s advice and talk to them about your career plan to get their input, but in the end, it’s your life! You need to take the decisions and be happy with them. You have one life, use it well. My second advice would be, make sure that you keep on growing.

Now for a more laidback question, what is something that you really like in Lyon?
I really like the zoo in Parc de la Tête d’Or, it’s just amazing that you can just go there for an afternoon in the city and look around. I really love animals so I just go to watch the lions, the elephants or the giraffes. What I really like about Lyon in general, it’s the FOOD! The choice in restaurants, the markets, there is always something to discover: a new taste, a new ambiance, etc. especially with friends and colleagues.

Dr Laura Trijsburg, our now ex-ECSA co-chair was a postdoctoral fellow working within the NMB group on biomarkers of alcohol consumption in relation to colorectal cancer. After one year and two months spent at IARC, she is back to the Netherlands. Before her departure, we sat with her to learn more about her future plans and hear what she had to say on her IARC experience.
Welcome to IARC
New ECS arrivals from November to December 2017

Amivi Dodji
Master's Student
DIR/LSB

Asma BENKHALLAH
Master's Student
DIR/LSB

Ivana Gorbaslieva
Master's Student
INF/ICB

Chiara Stellino
Master's Student
NME/BMA

Karl Smith-Byrne
Doctoral Student
GEN/GEP

Katherine Lloyd
Doctoral Student
ESC/WCT

Julien Berra
Doctoral Student
CSU

Anna Luiza Vicente
Doctoral Student
MCA/EGE

Amy Hall
IARC Postdoctoral Fellow
ESC/IMO

Felicia Chung
IARC Postdoctoral Fellow
MCA/EGE

Purnima Gupta
IARC Postdoctoral Fellow
INF/ICB

Signs You're Ready to Graduate

When a form letter calls you "doctor" and you don't react.

When your prof. asks you to take on another project and you say "no."

When you start winning arguments with your PI.

When the younger students are genuinely surprised to see you in the lab.

[Comics showing various scenarios related to graduation signs]

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