

### THE OECE AND ITS MANDATE

The Organization of European Cancer Institutes (OECE) was founded in Vienna in 1979. In 2000, from a project launched by its Board in order to reinforce the European competitiveness and to pave the way to building up a critical mass of research and technological resources in the fight against cancer, the European Economic Interest Grouping "Liaison Network for Cancer "EEIG-LINC, was founded. Four years later the General Assemblies of the OECE and of GEIE-LINC decided to merge into the single "OECE-EEIG". The OECE-EEIG is a concrete instrument created by the European Comprehensive Cancer Centres to contribute to the building of the European Research Area for Cancer and to bridging, politically and practically, the relationships between the EU and the European cancer research community. The OECE-EEIG aims at supporting a multi-disciplinary vision of the cancer burden emphasizing the integration of research and education with diagnosis, prevention and care among the European Comprehensive Cancer Centres (CCC).

### THE OECE EDUCATION AND TRAINING WORKING GROUP

In order to stimulate the international mobility for young scientists, to improve the capabilities of research and development and to promote continuing education for experienced scientists and clinicians, OECE recently set up the Education and Training Working Group.

The E&T WG has the following major tasks:

- to analyse the training needs expressed by the Members
- to improve the organization of specific training courses
- to launch training initiatives in partnership with other bodies
- to spread the knowledge on specific skills owned by the Members
- to facilitate information exchange among the Members on available staffing positions
- to launch specific research training networks for fellowships and return grants.

With the activity plan of its E&T WG, the OECE intends to propose a practical answer to the Lisbon goals, to tackle fragmentation of training and to share knowledge and facilities among CCC, to facilitate the launch of new research initiatives, to reinforce existing successful actions, to improve knowledge on new emerging fields, to exchange personnel with industries and vice versa.



## ANNOUNCING A PRACTICAL TRAINING COURSE ON: Accreditation of European Cancer Institutes

### ACCREDITATION OF EUROPEAN CANCER INSTITUTES OBJECTIVES AND MAIN AIMS

The objectives of the OECE accreditation project are to define consensual quality standards and criteria for European oncology and develop a tool for professionals enabling performances of the institutions to be assessed both internally plus externally. Our shared objectives are constant quality improvement, benchmarking and defence of the centre model within each country and through further European labellisation.

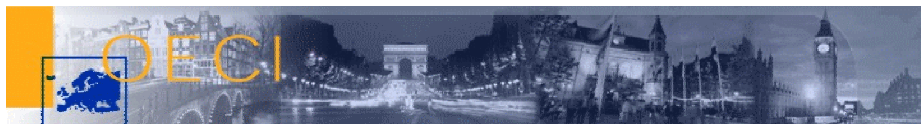
Through this project, OECE plans to develop a database of cancer centres describing in detail the infrastructures and human resources present in cancer centres in Europe in order to allow identification of the structures where accelerated development of innovative treatments or high quality clinical research is feasible. This process will increase the efficacy of cancer research and development and strengthen joint public private research in Europe for more competitive cancer research.

The final objective is also to foster policies that will provide clear and sound information for patients wishing to choose where they may obtain appropriate treatment throughout Europe.

The OECE accreditation project is now running the second pilot phase testing the experimental informatics tool on 4 volunteers Cancer Centres selected among the OECE members.

In the meantime the OECE Accreditation WG and the OECE Training & Education WG decided to launch a first practical training course on the experimental tool to train the European Cancer Centres on the tool and to test the tool itself in order to verify some possible difficulties or misunderstanding in filling in the forms.

Undoubtedly, there will be great opportunities of interactions with other centres interested in the "exercise" and therefore the course will help the OECE in preparing the next step of the project in order to present at the 2008 OECE General Assembly in Genoa the final English version of the Accreditation tool. The participants will also be introduced to the training activities linked with the auditors education.



## Course location:

**IST - Advanced Biotechnology Centre ABC**

**Largo Rosanna Benzi, 10 – 16132 Genoa - Italy**

**May 28th, 2007**

## PROGRAMME

**10.30h:** Welcome and introduction

**Claudio Lombardo:** *IST- National Institute for Cancer Research of Genoa –Italy*

*Chairman OECI Education and Training Working Group*

**10.45h:** cancer quality management system

**Renée Otter:** *Comprehensive Cancer Centre North-Netherlands Groningen*

**11.15h:** Accreditation project, objectives, state of art and future plan of activities

**Mahasti Saghatchian:** *Institut Gustav Roussy – Paris, France*

*Chairwoman OECI Accreditation Working Group*

**12.00h** Discussion

**12.15h:** Technical description of the tool

**Bert Koot:** *Compusense*

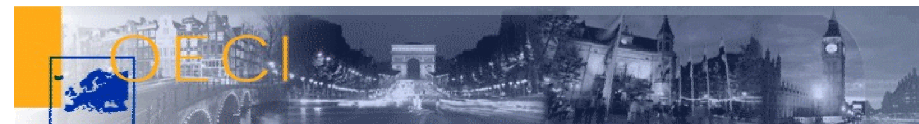
**13h Lunch**

**14.00h:** Practical exercise

**Henk Hummel:** *CCCN, Groningen*

**18.00h:** Discussion and conclusion

**20.00h: Social Dinner**



## 2007 OECI TRAINING PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION OF EUROPEAN COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTERS (Code: OECI.07.EDU.01)

*The expected participants are scientists or administrative staff personnel working in the OECI Member Institutes. A maximum of 20 participants will be accepted, each couple of participants will share one PC. Space allowing, the course will be open to non-OECI Member participants.*

*No inscription fee is required but the participants must cover their own travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses. The OECI will cover the expenses related to lunch, coffee-breaks, and computer room. Each participant attending the social dinner will cover his own expenses (estimated 30 Euro).*

*A fee of 150 Euro will be required to participants belonging from institutions that are not members of the OECI*

## DECLARATION OF INTEREST/ADVANCED REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*You may express your interest in this course by sending the above-requested data to [claudio.lombardo@istge.it](mailto:claudio.lombardo@istge.it) The candidates will receive in due time confirmation of their registrations and further information about the course, as well as hotel information.*



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