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*By e-mail attachment*

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Dear ENCR member,

**Subject: ENCR Call for Data Submission**

The European Network of Cancer Registries (ENCR) invites you to submit a dataset, according to the attached specification, via the newly established gateway. The development of the gateway has been made possible by funding from the EUROCOURSE (Europe against Cancer: Optimization of the Use of Registries for Scientific Excellence in research) project and is hosted by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) on a secure server.

The specified dataset will enable data from your registry to be included in several European projects, namely the EUROCOURSE (see attached) and EUROCARE projects, although the gateway provides a procedure to opt into each of these projects individually. The same data could also be used to contribute to the ACCIS and IICC-3 projects, about which details will be circulated shortly (and for which you will be able to opt into online). Specific requests (with protocols) will be made for any other future uses of the data.

The major advantage of this new gateway is the single-step submission of data in a quality-assured manner to multiple international studies requesting data. This allows registries to develop automated procedures for the creation of timely datasets (thus minimizing the burden of participation), and will ensure internal consistency of the submitted data across projects.

The gateway will be opened permanently to allow a continuously updated “dynamic database”. Regular project-specific “closing dates” will allow creation of specific “date-stamped” datasets, according to project schedules and your instructions. The dataset specifications may be updated intermittently, e.g. if there is a requirement for collecting additional data items.

Further information about the goals and deliverables of EUROCOURSE are provided at <http://www.eurocourse.org/>. A brief synopsis of the outputs envisaged on the basis of the submitted data is in the attached Call. The final proposal will be prepared by the working groups described in the Call and there will be adequate opportunity for registries to contribute to the development of the proposal via the series of ongoing and planned

standardised questionnaires. ENCR members are also encouraged to submit their ideas regarding data dissemination and data sharing to the leaders of the relevant working groups, or to the ENCR Secretariat ([encr@iarc.fr](mailto:encr@iarc.fr)).

The ENCR Steering Committee, the EUROCOURSE partners and the members of the relevant working groups encourage you to participate in this endeavour and look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

Please do not hesitate to contact us ([encr@iarc.fr](mailto:encr@iarc.fr)) should have you any queries or seek further information.

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