



**Governing Council
Sixty-fifth Session**

GC/65/R1

Lyon, 10–12 May 2023

**SELECTION OF DIRECTOR
OF THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER**

The Governing Council,

Considering the provision of Article VII, paragraph 3 of the Statute of the Agency and Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council,

1. SELECTS Dr Elisabethe Weiderpass to continue as Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to renew the contract of Dr Elisabethe Weiderpass as Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer for a period of five years from 1 January 2024 on terms and conditions of employment equivalent to those of an Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization, these conditions of employment being subject to the provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules of the World Health Organization; and
3. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to consult Dr Elisabethe Weiderpass on the issue of pension arrangements and to include in the contract, as appropriate, an amendment in light of that consultation.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Director's Report ([Document GC/65/2](#)),

1. THANKS the Director for the Report and for the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) provided therein;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the continued efforts made towards further strengthening coordination and communication between IARC and WHO;

3. THANKS the Secretariat for its report on IARC engagement under the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) as part of the Director's Report, in accordance with [Resolution GC/60/R17](#);

Recalling its [Resolution GC/64/R2](#) in which it noted that, in support of the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025, the Director would make partial use of the unbudgeted assessments of new Participating States in the biennium 2022–2023 towards IARC's participation in WHO's new Business Management System project, and to further strengthen IARC's data protection framework and scientific data management systems,

4. THANKS the Director for her report on the use of these funds; and
5. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the Director's written and oral Reports.



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DEATH OF DR PETER BOYLE, FORMER IARC DIRECTOR

The Governing Council,

Having taken note of the death of Dr Peter Boyle, former IARC Director,

EXPRESSES its deep regret at the death of this internationally renowned researcher and its gratitude for his commitment to expanding the role of IARC in cancer research for cancer prevention during his directorship, from 2004 to 2008.



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IARC'S COVID-19 AND CANCER INITIATIVE: REGULAR UPDATE

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed [Document GC/65/3](#) “Regular update on IARC’s COVID-19 and Cancer Initiative (IARC-C19)”,

Recalling its [Resolution GC/64/R5](#),

1. NOTES the IARC Secretariat’s efforts to coordinate with existing initiatives in this area;
2. ENCOURAGES Participating States to make voluntary contributions and provide support to the resource mobilization efforts towards this initiative; and
3. REQUESTS regular updates by the Secretariat on progress throughout the term of the initiative.



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THE NOUVEAU CENTRE BUILDING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/65/4 Rev.1](#) “Nouveau Centre building and resource mobilization – Revision 1”,

1. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the City of Lyon, for their continued efforts and strong support throughout the challenging period preceding the move to the new building, and to the French national authorities, the Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, the Métropole de Lyon, and the City of Lyon for their continued support;
2. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the IARC personnel for their resilience during the transition phase and the move to the Nouveau Centre;
3. EXPRESSES its deep appreciation to the donors for their generous contributions, in cash or in kind, to the “Nouveau Centre” project;
4. AUTHORIZES the Director to accept further donations, in cash or in kind, for the purpose of furnishing and equipping the Nouveau Centre, subject to and in accordance with applicable internal rules and regulations, including inter alia with regard to FENSA and partner recognition;
5. ENCOURAGES Participating States to make voluntary contributions and provide support to the resource mobilization efforts towards the Nouveau Centre; and
6. REQUESTS the Director to report, every six months, on resource mobilization efforts and to keep the Governing Council Working Group on Infrastructure apprised of major future developments in relation to the “Nouveau Centre” project.



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SITE OF THE AGENCY'S HEADQUARTERS

The Governing Council,

Considering Article IX of the Statute of the International Agency for Research on Cancer regarding the site of the Headquarters of the Agency,

1. WELCOMES the new convention signed with the Metropole of Lyon on 27 October 2022, which secures the lease of the “Nouveau Centre” building for the next thirty years under conditions acceptable to the Agency; and
2. ACKNOWLEDGES that the site of the Headquarters of the Agency is now situated at 25 avenue Tony Garnier, CS 90627, 69366 LYON CEDEX 07 FRANCE.



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GC/65/R7

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REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Report presented by the Fifty-ninth Scientific Council ([Document GC/65/5](#)) and the Director's response ([Document GC/65/6](#)),

1. NOTES the Report (Document GC/65/5) with great interest;
2. CONGRATULATES the members of the Scientific Council for their supportive and excellent work; and
3. COMMENDS the Director for her constructive responses to the recommendations of the Fifty-ninth Session of the Scientific Council.



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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Governing Council,

Having examined [Document GC/65/7](#) “Annual Financial Report, Report of the External Auditor and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022”,

1. THANKS the External Auditor for their Report and “unqualified” audit opinion; and
2. APPROVES the Report of the Director on the financial operations of the Agency.



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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE IARC ETHICS COMMITTEE, 2021–2022

The Governing Council,

Having examined the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee 2021–2022, as contained in [Document GC/65/8](#),

1. WELCOMES the Biennial Report of the IARC Ethics Committee 2021–2022; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to continue reporting biennially on issues related to ethics at the Agency.



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PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET 2024–2025

The Governing Council,

Having reviewed the Agency's Proposed Programme and Budget for the biennium 2024–2025, as contained in [Document GC/65/9](#), and [summary tables Revision 1](#),

1. APPROVES the budget for the biennium 2024–2025 at the level of €48 683 313;
2. ACKNOWLEDGES that the presentation and priorities of the proposed budget for 2024–2025 are aligned with the IARC Medium-Term Strategy for 2021–2025 ([Document GC/63/6A](#));
3. DECIDES that the budget shall be financed solely by annual assessments on Participating States as follows:
 - (1) €24 323 172 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2024,
 - (2) €24 360 141 shall be assessed on Participating States on 1 January 2025,
4. RESOLVES to appropriate an amount of €48 683 313 to the six main Level 2 objectives of the IARC Project Tree (Document GC/63/6A Annex 2) for the biennium 2024–2025 as follows:

Section	IARC Project Tree – Level 2 Objectives	Amount (€)
1.	Describing the occurrence of cancer	4 068 890
2.	Understanding the causes of cancer	9 814 842
3.	Evaluating cancer prevention interventions	5 987 604
4.	Synthesizing and mobilizing knowledge and strengthening global capacities in cancer science	6 628 336
5.	Strengthening the Agency's leadership, governance, strategic engagement, and advocacy	5 401 722
6.	Strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency's research and collaboration	16 781 919
	Total	48 683 313

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5. DECIDES that the Director shall have authority under Financial Regulations Article III, Paragraph 3.3 to transfer credits between sections of the budget, provided that such transfers do not exceed 15% of the section from which the credit is transferred. Transfers in excess of 15% of the section from which the credit is transferred may be made with the prior written concurrence of the majority of the Members of the Governing Council;
6. DECIDES to grant authority to the Director to use a maximum of €500 000 in the biennium 2024–2025 from the Governing Council Special Fund to cover unforeseen budgetary costs due to currency realignments, subject to availability of cash balances in the Fund, noting the base rate of exchange for 2024–2025 is €0.907/US\$;
7. REQUESTS the Director to report on the use of the Fund for this purpose in future financial reports;
8. ENCOURAGES Participating States to contribute to the Core Voluntary Contribution Account to supplement the regular budget; and
9. REQUESTS the Secretariat to continue dialogue with Participating States who are amenable to providing a voluntary contribution. The Secretariat shall report back at the next Governing Council on total voluntary contributions received.



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ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS

The Governing Council,

Having been informed by [Document GC/65/10 Rev.1](#) of the unconditional donations accepted during the year 2022 under the authority vested in the Director by Resolution GC/4/R3,

1. EXPRESSES its deep appreciation to the donors for their generous contribution to the research activities of the Agency; and
2. NOTES that, in accordance with the standing authorization granted to the Director under [Resolution GC/63/R10](#), €80 000 were allocated from the Special Account for Undesignated Contributions for Postdoctoral Fellowships in 2022–2023.



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GC/65/R12

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**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS,
INCLUDING REPORT ON INTEREST APPORTIONMENT**

The Governing Council,

Having considered [Document GC/65/11 Rev.1](#) “Acceptance of grants and contracts – Revision 1”,

In accordance with IARC Financial Regulations,

1. CONFIRMS the provisional approval given by the Governing Council Chair between sessions, in accordance with Resolution GC/52/R13, paragraphs 2 and 3, for the following two projects:
 - a) Revision and update of the European Code against Cancer [European Commission - European Health And Digital Executive Agency / EU4H (BE) in an amount of €1 500 000.00 for 48 months];
 - b) Strengthening cancer screening data collection to update European Cancer Information System and improve quality and coverage of cancer screening programmes in Europe [European Commission - European Health And Digital Executive Agency / EU4H (BE) in an amount of €580 483.00 for 18 months];
2. NOTES the post facto reporting of grants and contracts accepted by the Director as detailed in Document GC/65/11 Rev.1;
3. NOTES the amount of interest income apportioned; and
4. COMMENDS the staff on its success in winning competitive research grants.



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GC/65/R13

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Governing Council,

In accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the Statute of the Agency,

1. APPOINTS

Professor André Karch, Germany)	
Dr István Kenessey, Hungary)	
Dr Prashant Mathur, India)	
Professor Orla Sheils, Ireland)	
Dr Roberta De Angelis, Italy)	to serve for four years on the Scientific Council
Dr Mohamed Berraho, Morocco)	
Professor Pål Richard Romundstad, Norway)	
Professor Young-Woo Kim, Republic of Korea)	
Dr Valeriy V. Breder, Russian Federation)	
Professor David Gisselsson Nord, Sweden)	

2. THANKS the outgoing members of the Scientific Council, Drs Karima Bendahhou (Morocco), Tone Bjørge (Norway), Gunilla Enblad (Sweden), William Gallagher (Ireland), Ulrike Haug (Germany), Sergey Ivanov (Russian Federation), Ravi Mehrotra (India), Péter Nagy (Hungary), Jong Bae Park (Republic of Korea) and Pietro Pichierri (Italy) for their valuable work in the Scientific Council and for the contribution which they have made to the research activities of the Agency.



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GC/65/R14

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**MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/18/R14 nominating members of the Subcommittee on the Admission of new Participating States and the requirement to nominate new members at the end of each session of the Governing Council,

Recalling its Resolution GC/53/R20 deciding that the number of members and composition of the Subcommittee shall be agreed upon at each regular session of the Governing Council,

DECIDES that this Subcommittee shall be composed of the Chairperson of the Governing Council (member ex officio), and representatives of Brazil, Japan, Qatar, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, who shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council.



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**DATE OF THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**

The Governing Council,

1. DECIDES to hold its next regular session in Lyon, France, within the two weeks preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly in the year 2024; and
2. REQUESTS the Director to inform members of the Council as soon as these dates are known.



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GC/65/R16

Lyon, 10–12 May 2023

**AGREEMENT ON EARLY TERMINATION AND FINANCIAL COMPENSATION
(IARC'S FORMER PREMISES)**

The Governing Council,

Recalling its [Resolution GC/60/R10](#), whereby it authorized “the Director to sign the agreement(s) with the City of Lyon” regarding IARC’s former headquarters,

1. WELCOMES the agreement on early termination and financial compensation signed with the City of Lyon on 5 December 2022, which enacted the following, in particular: (i) the mutually agreed early termination of the convention signed on 10 May 2002, regarding the premises previously occupied by IARC on 150 cours Albert Thomas 69008 Lyon; and (ii) the financial compensation due by the City of Lyon to IARC as a result of the transfer of ownership of, and right to use, the buildings that were built by IARC on the aforesaid premises – the Sasakawa Memorial Hall (also comprising the Princess Takamatsu Hall), the EPIC building (Biological Resource Centre, BRC), and the Latarjet building;
2. NOTES the agreed total amount of the aforementioned financial compensation, amounting to two million eight hundred thousand euros (€2 800 000.00);
3. ACKNOWLEDGES that, in accordance with what was agreed between the City of Lyon and IARC, of the total amount of the financial compensation, one million two hundred and sixty thousand euros (€1 260 000.00) have been committed by the City of Lyon to be deposited with the Metropole of Lyon as a second support fund (“*fond de concours*”) towards the “Nouveau Centre” building project; and that in return for such commitment, IARC will not seek to recover this sum;
4. FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES that the remaining amount of the financial compensation, i.e. one million five hundred and forty thousand euros (€1 540 000.00), due by the City of Lyon to IARC, has been duly paid in full to IARC; and
5. AUTHORIZES the Secretariat to use the sum received as financial compensation as mentioned in paragraph 4 above, to continue to equip and furnish the Nouveau Centre.