

Reykjavík, November 6th 2017

To the Board of the NCU

From Ragnheiður Haraldsdóttir, chairman

Re: Strategic projects payments and overview. UICC/IARC candidates.

The Board of the NCU has agreed on funding four strategic projects payable in installments in 2015-2017 as documented in the attached table on the strategic projects overview.

The bills for the 2017 installments for the grants for the Nordic Summer School in Cancer Epidemiology and for NORDCAN have not been received yet and thus have not been paid.

The grant for the part time position of a secretary for Nordic NECT has been paid partly for this year, as their billing was not consistent with the amount stipulated. A letter requesting correct billing has been sent from the chairman of the NCU to the NordicNECT.

The support t for UICC/IARC was withheld last year due to a problem with the implementation on the schools behalf (attached please see a letter from the Board dated March 3rd this year).

We have now received the documents from the UICC/IARC summer school with information on the candidates chosen for the financial support for the year 2017.

The UICC/IARC documents are submitted to the board of the NCU for its information and discussion.



Bilaga 7

Strategic projects overview

Project overview - Agreed by the Board of NCU, in May 2017, All amounts in EURO

	Notes	Total support	Planned in 2015	Planned in 2016	Planned in 2017	Planned in 2018	Planned in 2019
Confirmed financial support							
Secretariat for Nordic NECT	1	148.000			98.000	50.000	
UICC/IARC summer school	2	49.200	16.400	16.400	16.400		
UICC/IARC summer school, revised	2a	-16.400		-16.400			
NORDCAN	3	106.500		35.500	35.500	35.500	
Nordic Summer School in Cancer Epidemiology	4	92.300			46.150	46.150	
Total confirmed support		379.600	16.400	35.500	196.050	131.650	0

		Total support	Actual payments 2015	Actual payments 2016	Actual payments 2017	Actual payments 2018	Actual payments 2019
Actual payments							
Secretariat for Nordic NECT	1	148.000					
UICC/IARC summer school	2 & 2a	32.800	13.227				
NORDCAN	3				71.000		
Nordic Summer School in Cancer Epidemiology	4				92.300		
Total actual payments		180.800	13.227	0	163.300	0	0

Notes:

1. Confirmed on a Board Meeting in Helsingör in September 2015
2. Confirmed on a Board Meeting in Reykjavik 22 May 2015
- 2a Revised support for 2016, on a Board Meeting in Stockholm 17 February 2017
3. Confirmed on a Board Meeting in Oslo 19 February 2016
4. Confirmed on a Board Meeting in Copenhagen 25 November 2016

	Notes	Total support	Planned in 2015	Planned in 2016	Planned in 2017	Planned in 2018	Planned in 2019
Unpaid confirmed financial support							
Secretariat for Nordic NECT	1	148.000			98.000	50.000	
UICC/IARC summer school	2 & 2a	32.800			16.400		
NORDCAN	3	106.500				35.500	
Nordic Summer School in Cancer Epidemiology	4	92.300					
Total confirmed support		379.600	0	0	114.400	85.500	0

Bilag 8.



Marina Teahon UICC

Anouk Berger IARC

March 3rd 2017

At the meeting of the Board of the Nordic Cancer Union on February 17th this year in Stockholm, your interim progress report (requested by the undersigned and submitted on February 15th), regarding the use of the strategic project grant from the NCU was presented.

From your report and from a a teleconference on February 14th, the Board of the NCU learned that the IARC Summer School in Cancer Epidemiology was not active in the year 2016, and thus implementation was not according to the plan presented in your application and in our agreement.

The NCU has not been charged for 2016 and therefore no repay is required.

Your request to carry over the amount granted for the year 2016 to your additional programs for the IARC summer school in the year 2017 or over to the year 2018, however, cannot be accommodated.

The process of selecting candidates and of informing the NCU of the progress of the IARC Summer School in Cancer Epidemiology can be resumed, as we hope for a successful year 2017.

Kind regards,


Ragnheiður Haraldsdóttir

Chairman Nordic Cancer Union

Bilaga 9.

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Efni: FW: IARC Summer School 2017 - participants to benefit from UICC/NCU financial support - PP201710-04

Dear Dr Ingimar Einarsson,

I hope my message finds you well.

Please allow me to contact you in quality of NCU Coordinator as the Icelandic Cancer Society is currently chairing the NCU secretariat.

I am forwarding you the message below from the UICC confirming the eligibility of five candidates to receive the UICC/NCU support for their participation to the 2017 IARC Summer School.

In order to formalize this contribution, you will find enclosed a draft Letter of Acceptance of Contribution (LAC/ETR/2017/01) for your kind review. Should you agree with the document, please kindly inform igo@iarc.fr <<mailto:igo@iarc.fr>> for us to initiate the signature process from our side. Upon signature of this agreement by both parties, the relevant invoice will be issued accordingly.

Should you not be the right person dealing with this matter, I would be very grateful if you could provide us with the correct contact details and I do apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Thank you very much for your kind assistance.

Best regards,

Véronique

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Ref.: CN/43/39

03 November 2017

Dear Doctor Haraldshóttir,

Letter of Acceptance of Contribution

Reference: LAC/ETR/2017/01

I am pleased to refer to your correspondence between UICC and Mrs Anouk Berger about the agreement of the Nordic Cancer Union to make a financial contribution of EUR 12,723.03 (Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three euros Three) to the International Agency for Research on Cancer, World Health Organization (IARC/WHO), in support of the participation of five attendees from low- and middle-income countries at the 2017 IARC Summer School, as outlined in Annex I hereto which is an integral part of this Letter of Acceptance of Contribution.

It would be appreciated if the funds could be transferred to IARC's account (please refer to Annex II) and notice of payment be sent to IARC/WHO via an e-mail message with remittance information to bfo@iarc.fr

The contribution shall be clearly identified using reference LAC/ETR/2017/01 and shall be paid in one instalment, upon receipt of invoice.

The contribution shall be administered in accordance with IARC/WHO's Financial Regulations and Rules (and as per World Health Assembly resolution WHA34.17).

This Letter of Acceptance of Contribution and your acceptance of the terms set forth herein by countersignature shall constitute an agreement between the Institute and IARC/WHO on the subject matter hereof.

Yours Sincerely,

Tamas Landes
Director of Administration and Finance

Accepted on behalf of Danish Cancer Society

By Doctor Ragnheiður Haraldshóttir
Chairman

Signature

Date

Annex I – LAC/ETR/2017/01

List of participants to the 2017 IARC Summer School who would benefit from UICC/NCU financial support.

Their selection was made by IARC based on the list of candidates from low-income countries selected to attend either Module **1a "Cancer Survival Methods for Cancer Registries"** and / or Module **1b "Implementing Cancer Prevention and Early Detection"** – 19-23 June and / or Module **2 "Introduction to Cancer Epidemiology"**, 26 June-7 July, according to the following criteria:

- the background of the applicants;
- their current/future involvement in research; and
- the potential benefit of the training for their own institute and country, beyond their individual training.

As detailed in the table below, the majority of them are key players in institutions involved in cancer prevention and control.

Full Name	Position	Affiliation	Country	Attending
Marie Chantal Umulisa	Study Coordinator	Rwanda Biomedical Centre, Ministry of Health	Rwanda	Module 2
Nam Hai Nguyen	Deputy Head	Ho Chi Minh City Cancer Registry (SGN)	Vietnam	Modules 1a + 2
Prasanna Jayasekara	Consultant in Community Dentistry	National Cancer Control Programme, Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine	Sri Lanka	Modules 1b + 2
Nayana De Alwis	Consultant Community Physician	National Cancer Control Programme	Sri Lanka	Modules 1b + 2
Roopa Hariprasad	Scientist	National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research	India	Modules 1b + 2

The table below details the expenses for travel, subsistence and accommodation (in EURO) for those 5 participants.

Full Name	Flight	PDM	Hotel	Sub Totals
Marie Chantal Umulisa	990.41	450	890.4	2330.81
Nam Hai Nguyen	1176.7	660	1113	2949.7
Prasanna Jayasekara	1129.4	660	1057.35	2846.75
Nayana De Alwis	1120.42	660	1057.35	2837.77
Roopa Hariprasad	613.00	645	1113	1758
				12723.03
				Grand Total : €12723.03

Bilaga 11.

NCU grant applications 2017.

Presented at the Meeting.

Bilaga 12.

[Firmanavn]

Til: Nordic Cancer Union -
Fra:
Kopi: [Mottakernavn]
Dato: 30. oktober 2017
Re: Discussion points regarding NCU research initiatives.

Background

The Nordic countries has been supporting Nordic cancer research through NCU for a long period of time. Despite some changes in the strategy defining research topics, small changes in the structure of funding has been done. Each year a total of € 750.000 has been awarded to cancer research after evaluation by a scientific committee. For the national membership organizations research funding through NCU is just a small part of their total investment in research.

Relative to the total sum a substantial number of applicants get NCU funding (16 projects in 2016). Probably grants from NCU is often a type of “seed funding” that demands funding from other sources as well. Besides reports from each project we have little knowledge of the long-term effect of NCU funding.

The last couple of year there has been increased interest in Nordic research. Not only in the cancer area but also in other areas. For example, in all Nordic countries there is an intention to increase patient participation in clinical studies. At the same time, we see that each country - relatively speaking - has a small population, but if we manage to recruit patient from all Nordic countries we have a population of roughly 25 million.

In addition: other organizations have made contact with the NCU to examine if there might be possible areas for collaboration regarding research funding. In the last two years we have been contacted by EORTC (European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer), Cancer Research UK, and NORDFORSK.

So fare we have not been able to discuss in depth how we should respond to these different initiatives – and in a way related: what is the future for NCU research funding?

Even if the cancer leagues in the Nordic countries has many similarities there are also obvious differences - how we do our research funding is one of them. And since research funding is one our core activities there are often very clear regulations/rules defining each country's research funding system. As a consequence, making (even small) changes often demands some type of process.

So the aim of this document is to open up for input from each country regarding their stand on possible collaboration with other international stakeholders. Below I have asked each country if they today have other international collaboration besides NCU.

Sweden

Cancerfondens internationella engagemang är för närvarande fördelat på

- EORTC - Cancerfonden är medlem
- UICC - Cancerfonden är medlem i UICC samt stöttar ett särskilt fellowship, UICC-TF (tidigare ICRETT), vilket inte är direkt forskningsfinansiering. Se nedan UICCs beskrivning ("The aim of the UICC technical fellowships is to allow the international exchange of knowledge and to enhance skills in cancer control, prevention and treatment and to allow the acquisition of diagnostic and therapeutic clinical expertise that can be applied in the fellows' home organizations upon their return.")

Denmark

Finland

We do not have any other funding collaboration outside Finland except the NCU funding

Iceland

We are not funding any research outside of our country.

Faroe Iceland

Norway

- We are – and have been for many years – supporting EORTC.
- We have been partnering with the Norwegian Research Council on the EU research program TRANSCAN (translational cancer research)
- We are planning an announcement in collaboration with NordForsk on personalized cancer research on children in the Nordic countries (more information will be given on the meeting)

Discussion points

Given this introduction it is interesting to hear the different NCU-members reflections and thoughts about future research funding. For example:

- Changes in today's NCU research structure
- New way of stimulating cancer research with Nordic synergies
- Thoughts about collaboration with other stakeholders

Bilaga 13.

Cancer kostnader i de nordiska länderna – ett nytt projekt initiativ.

Bifogad en bilaga för punkt 10 och här text:

Total cost of cancer is expected to raise mainly due to increasing number of new cancer cases and introduction of new expensive treatments. According a recent study made in Finland the real cost of cancer increased one percent per year between 2009 - 2014. This was less that had been expected. Furthermore, the real cost per new cancer case decreased slightly. It seems that, at least in Finland, the health care system was able to buffer the effects of drivers which increase or tend to increase costs. It would be most useful to find out what is the situation in other Nordic countries and whether there are differences in distribution of costs to direct and indirect costs and, especially, between different categories of direct costs. We have, so far, contacts in Denmark, Finland and Iceland. The purpose is to prepare a proposal of a strategic project to the Board of NCU at its next meeting in February 2018.

See also:

Cancer costs and outcomes in Finnish population 2004 – 2014. Acta Oncologica.
Date July 2017.

Sent earlier this year to the NCU Board.

Bilag 14.



Reykjavík, November 6th 2017

To the Board of the NCU

From Ragnheiður Haraldsdóttir, chairman

Re: Report on the work of the secretariat of the NCU 2015-2017

In the revision of the statutes of the Nordic Cancer Union in 2016 the request for a report on the three year period of administration of a member country was omitted.

However, it can be convenient for the NCU Board to have access to a summary of topics at meetings and of decisions made. Therefore, a report on the administration of the Nordic Cancer Union 2015-2017 was developed and is enclosed with this cover letter.

Ragnheiður Haraldsdóttir

A report on the administration of the Nordic Cancer Union 2015-2017

The chairmanship of the Nordic Cancer Union is held alternatively by a member cancer league for a three year period and was held by Iceland 2015-2017. The chairmanship and the Secretariat are responsible for the general administration and the coordination of the NCU, except for the administration of research projects, which has been located at Kræftforeningen in Norway for many years. On the 1st of January 2018 Kræftens Bekæmpelse –the Danish Cancer Society will take over the chairmanship for the period 2018-2020.

The annual reports for each of the three years of the chairmanship are published on the website of the NCU (www.ncu.nu) giving more information about the activities of the Board during the period.

Meetings

NCU has in 2015-2017 held the following meetings:

2015

February 20

May 22

September 7

November 23

December 2

Venue

Helsinki

Reykjavík

Marienlyst, Denmark

Stockholm (workshop)

Teleconference

2016

February 19

May 30

September 1

Venue

Oslo

Reykjavík

Gustavelund, Finland

November 25	Copenhagen
<u>2017</u>	<u>Venue</u>
February 17	Stockholm
May 29	Copenhagen
August 29	Stavanger, Norway
November 17	Reykjavík

Main issues and activities on the agendas

At all meetings, the cancer leagues share country reports and discuss related issues.

2015

- Nomination of the Scientific Committee, February 20, 2015.
- Conference on the Future of Nordic Co-operation on health in Oslo, February, 2015.
- Draft proposal for a revised NCU strategy 2015-2020, February 20, 2015.
- IARC Summer School, May 22, 2015.
- EORTC Cancer Research Fund SURCARE. May 22, 2015.
- Nordic Epidemiology Conference, May 22, 2015.
- Nordic Network for Early Cancer Trials (NordicNect), May 22, 2015.
- NCU strategy 2015-2018, September 7, 2015
- Nordic Network for Early Cancer Trials (NordicNect), September 7, 2015.
- EORTC Cancer Research Fund SURCARE, September 7, 2015.
- Application and organisation of strategic funds, September 7, 2015.
- Notes from a meeting of the working group on NCU's administrative functions, November 23, 2015.
- Research projects 2016, December 2, 2015.
- EORTC Cancer Research Fund SURCARE, December 2, 2015.

- Report from the working group on NCU administration/secretary function, December 2, 2015.

2016

- NCU budget for 2016, February 19, 2016.
- Revision of strategy and guidelines for strategic funds, February 19, 2016.
- Revision of NCU's guidelines, February 19, 2016.
- Nordic trial alliance meeting, February 19, 2016.
- "World No Tobacco Day" 31st of May, 2016. May 30, 2016.
- Approval of new guidelines for NCU, May 30, 2016.
- European Task Force for Equal Access to Cancer Medicines-Declaration of intent, May 30, 2016.
- Comparison of national cancer plans in the Nordic Countries, May 30, 2016.
- NCU and Cancer Screening in the Nordic Countries, May 30, 2016.
- NORDCAN, May 30, 2016.
- Cancer research and genetics in Iceland, May 30, 2016.
- Follow up of the "World No Tobacco Day", September 1, 2016.
- Meeting with Cancer Research UK (CRUK), September 1, 2016.
- Presentation of the European Legal Network, September 1, 2016.
- Information on "Cancer prevention in Europe", September 1, 2016.
- Research projects 2017, November 25, 2016.
- Nordic Summer School in Cancer epidemiology, November 25, 2016.
- Meeting with Åland Cancer Society, November 24, 2016.
- Project proposal: Effect of NCU funded research, November 25, 2016.

2017

- NCU budget for 2017, February 17, 2017.
- Strategic Projects, February 17, 2017.

- Cooperation between NCU and NordForsk, February 17, 2017.
 - Cancer Resolution (EB140/31), February 17, 2017.
 - Project proposal: Effect of NCU funded research, February 17, 2017.
 - Revision of NCU's website, February 17, 2017.
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- Denmark's proposal of 3 years plan for NCU in 2018-2020, May 29, 2017.
 - NORDSCREEN, May 29, 2017.
 - Access to new cancer medicines, May 29, 2017.
 - Effect of NCU funded research, May 29, 2017.
 - Nordic cooperation concerning standardized care of cancer, May 29, 2017.
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- Denmark's proposal for a 3 years plan for NCU in 2018-2020, August 29, 2017.
 - Global campaign against antibiotic resistance and cancer, August 29, 2017.
 - Project proposal: Effect of NCU funded research, August 29, 2017.
 - Cooperation and contacts with ANCR, August 29, 2017.
 - Cooperation with NCU Scientific Committee, August 29, 2017.
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- The Strategic Plan 2015-2020, November 17, 2017.
 - Effect of NCU funded research, November 17, 2017.
 - Research projects applications 2017, November 17, 2017.
 - Report on Iceland's Chairmanship of NCU in 2015-2017, November 17, 2017.
 - Cooperation with CRUK and NordForsk, November 17, 2017.
 - Cancer costs and outcomes in the Finnish population 2004-2014, November 17, 2017.

Funding of research and strategic projects

A separate report summarizes funding for scientific research for the last few years.

Strategic projects that were funded by the NCU during the last three years are NordicNect, UICC/IARC Summer School, NORDCAN and the Nordic Summer School in Cancer Epidemiology. An overview table of funded strategic projects is to be found on the website and should always be up to date.

Revision of Statutes

The NCU statutes were revised and considerable changes were made. These changes reflected the need perceived by the NCU Board to make the statutes less rigid and prescriptive and to bring them more in line with what had become the practice of the Board. Guidelines for the application of strategic funds were also revised mainly with the aim of making requirements more clear and thus prevent applications that are not consistent with the core values of the NCU.

Adherence to strategy

A strategy for the years 2015-2017 was adopted by the board that delineated five main points and implementation approaches for each point. In reviewing the strategy by the end of the chairmanship it was concluded by the board that the strategy had served as general guidelines for the work of the board and that the process of developing it had clarified what should be the main emphases for the work ahead. As such, the strategy was helpful based on this experience; however, in developing the strategy for the next three year chairmanship, a more flexible approach should be adopted.

Accounts and finances

The funding of the activities of the NCU has remained unchanged during the three year period.

Income allocation between NCU members has been as previously:

Country	2015-2017
Denmark	28.0%
Faroe Islands	0.2%
Finland	15.0%
Norway	27.8%
Sweden	28.0%
Iceland	1.0%

Funding of research proposals has been 750.000 euros a year, and the amount available for strategic projects has been 250.000 euros, although the total sum for funding such projects has

been considerably less. Surplus has been used to lower the contribution to the budget by the member leagues in the following fiscal year.

The amount dedicated to cover the activities of both secretariats (32.500euros each) other costs has fluctuated between 90.000 to 94.00 euros, and has remained stable.

Revision of processes and procedures

The NCU is a network of the member organizations in the third sector and as such benefits from the ability to react quickly and informally. However, the Board wanted a more formal structure and organization in the processes and procedures of regular work, and thus a consistent structure of preparing meetings well in advance with well-prepared documents was emphasized.

Continuity

The Icelandic Cancer Society and the chairman and the coordinator of the NCU for the last three years are grateful for the support and thoughtful collaboration of the member countries during the last few years. We would also like to express our gratitude for the generosity of the other members, which have accommodated some meetings held by the Board, as travelling to Iceland can be time consuming.

Continuity of the work of the NCU is secured by a well prepared handing over of responsibilities of the chairmanship and the secretariat to the Danish Cancer Society, which has developed a plan of action for the next three years.

Reykjavik, November 2017



Ragnheiður Haraldsdóttir
Chairman, NCU 2015-2017