# Overview

# **About ICRP**

Cancer research has grown significantly over the past decades. This is reflected in the increasing number of supported research projects, the volume of invested resources, the breadth of investigated topics, and the number and types of organizations funding cancer research worldwide. Access to information about what research is being conducted and development of coordination among funding agencies are critical to maximizing the benefit of these independent efforts. Our goals at ICRP are to:

- Enable our Partners to conduct their own analyses of research, to give international context to their individual strategic goals.
- Maximise our collective research investment by reducing duplication of effort.
- Conduct regular international analyses of cancer research.
- Use our combined knowledge to conduct international research evaluation.
- Foster research collaboration between Partner organizations.

Recognizing the responsibility of cancer research funders—public and private, national and international to maximize the benefit of all investments in cancer research, the International Cancer Research Partnership (ICRP) was formed in 2000 and united organizations in a collaborative effort to promote coordinated progress in cancer research.

Currently the ICRP consists of cancer research funding organizations within the US, Canada, Europe, Australia and Japan, who have agreed to apply a common language—the Common Scientific Outline (CSO)—for discussing, comparing, and presenting their cancer research portfolios. The CSO classification system provides the tools needed to lay the groundwork for collective portfolio analyses and coordinated strategic planning among the Partner organisations.

## ONE VOICE, ONE VISION

The ICRP is a unique alliance of cancer organizations working together to leverage resources and build synergy.

- Our mission is to add value to cancer research. efforts internationally by fostering collaboration and strategic coordination between cancer research organizations.
- Our vision is that all funders of cancer research collaborate to enhance the impact of research on individuals affected by cancer.

#### INVITATION

We invite eligible organizations to join ICRP. Please review our eligibility criteria and complete the ICRP Membership Application.

#### Or contact us for an informal discussion:

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### **ICRP PARTNERS**

The current membership reflects the diversity of organizations funding cancer research in terms of size of agencies, countries of origin, funding sources (i.e., public and private, including foundations and charities), and areas of scientific interest. Our 17 Partners represent over 80 funding organizations and institutes.

#### **Australia**

National Breast Cancer Foundation
Cancer Australia

#### Canada

Canadian Cancer Research Alliance (currently representing 19 funding organizations/programs)

#### France

Institut National du Cancer (French National Cancer Institute) & research co-funded with Direction Générale de l'Offre des Soins (Ministry of Health)

#### Japan

National Cancer Center

#### **Netherlands**

KWF Kankerbestrijding (Dutch Cancer Society)

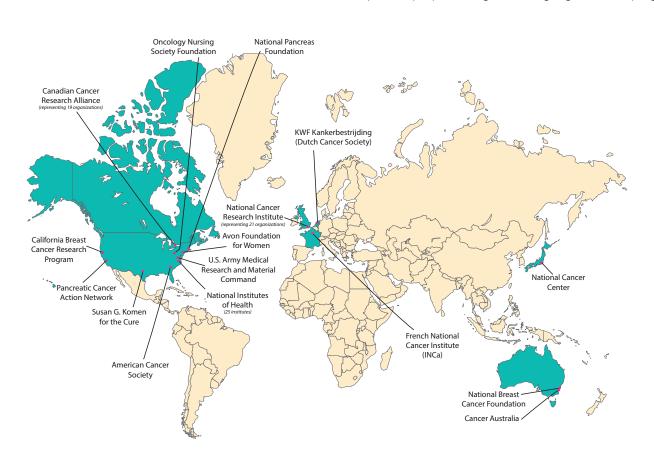
# **USA**American Cancer Society

American Institute for Cancer Research
Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade
California Breast Cancer Research Program
Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs,
US Department of Defense
National Institutes of Health
(25 institutes including the National Cancer Institute)
National Pancreas Foundation
Oncology Nursing Society Foundation
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network

#### UK

Susan G. Komen for the Cure®

National Cancer Research Institute
(currently representing 21 funding organizations/programs)



ICRP Partners maintain the largest single online source of information about current grants in cancer research, giving you real-time information about what is currently being funded.

# Benefits for your organization

 Access to the ICRP Partner-only website, including portfolio analysis tools to aid in strategic planning

As a Partner you will have access to the Partners-only section of our website. This includes analytical tools to compare your own portfolio to the international picture, allowing you to tailor your investment strategies within an international context.

 Access to senior representatives from an active, international network of cancer research funding organizations.

The Partnership meets annually, with member organizations alternating as hosts, and conducts teleconferences on a regular basis.

 Access to a forum for the exchange of ideas and news in cancer research funding

Partners can participate in the forum on the Partnersonly section of the website, giving access to evaluation reports and analyses..  Participation, with voting privileges, in the ICRP Annual Meeting and regularly scheduled teleconferences

You will have influence and involvement in the growth, development, and direction of the Partnership as it strives to enhance the role of strategic planning and global coordination of cancer research to advance knowledge about cancer.

 An off-the-shelf, internationally recognized classification system—the Common Scientific Outline (CSO)—to aid in your portfolio analyses

Partners receive mentoring and assistance in using the CSO and input into its future development.

 Information on ways to evaluate your research output and access to the ICRP Evaluation Library

Partners have access to the ICRP repository of research evaluations highlighting best practices with tried and tested methodologies

# Benefits for your research community and supporters

Improve your researchers' ability to identify potential collaborators

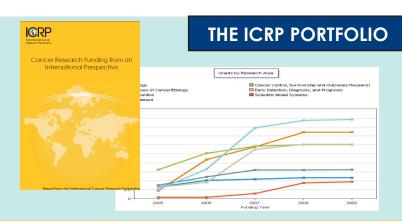
ICRP is the largest single on-line source of information about current cancer research funding, enabling your researchers to identify collaborators and reduce unnecessary duplication.

 A low-cost, online research portfolio to showcase your research alongside other cancer research organisations

ICRP gives you a cost-effective way to load and display research portfolio data on a maintained, and internationally-recognized, website.

# An online tool that puts cancer research information at your fingertips

Our website at www.icrpartnership.org provides access to the most current information available on cancer research supported by our Partner organizations. The Partner-only section of the website gives you analysis tools to interrogate the international portfolio and provides forum tools to exchange information and ideas with other cancer funding organizations.



## **MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Organisations that wish to join ICRP should:

- Agree to the ICRP mission statement.
- Agree to establish and maintain a system for coding research portfolios to CSO and disease-site codes.
- Agree to post research portfolios on the ICRP website.
- Agree to share portfolio data with the other ICRP organisations via the Partner-only restricted access section of the ICRP website.
- Agree to abide by the Policies and Procedures of the ICRP.
- Maintain an external, scientific peer-review system.

We also welcome applications from consortia representing multiple funding organizations. Please contact the Operations Manager at operations@icrpartnership.org for an initial discussion.

## **ICRP MEMBERSHIP: ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Each member organization of the ICRP provides support for the costs of maintaining the partnership. ICRP organizations vary considerably in their overall size and in the size of their research portfolios. This diversity influences not only the magnitude and complexity of the resources required to support the Partnership and its diverse activities, but also each Partner's ability to contribute financial support to the partnership. To address these issues, the Partnership has adopted a tiered contribution schedule for membership.

Initial fees are payable once your application is accepted and access to the portfolio is provided as soon as your organization's data is uploaded. The membership fee covers the administrative costs associated with maintaining the partnership, including the cost of hosting meetings for ICRP partner organizations. These costs are subject to annual review and revision by the ICRP and are driven by the Partners' collective strategic plan.

Current annual contributions, shown below for six membership tiers, are are payable in U.S. dollars.

Tier	Research Investment Budget (U.S. Dollars) <sup>1</sup>	Annual Contribution (U.S. Dollars) <sup>2</sup>
VI	\$250M or over	\$25,000
V	\$150M-\$249M	\$12,000
IV	\$25M-\$149M	\$8,000
III	\$10M-\$24M	\$5,000
II	\$5M-\$9M	\$2,000
Ī	Less than \$5M	\$500

- Your membership tier is determined by the current annual research portfolio spending reported in your membership application.
- 2. Membership contributions are fixed at these rates until 31 May 2015. ICRP reserves the right to amend these figures thereafter should the costs of maintaining the partnership change. Member organizations will be consulted on changes in membership contributions and any changes must be agreed upon by members prior to implementation.