



ANCCA e-Meeting.10 (Oct. 29th, 2020) – Minutes of Meeting (Final)

Meeting Time (120')	From	To
France	8:00	9:30
Turkey	10:00	11:30
Iran	10:30	12:00
Pakistan	12:00	13:30
India	12:30	14:00
Nepal	12:45	14:15

Meeting Time (120')	From	To
Bangladesh, Bhutan	13:00	14:30
Myanmar	13:30	15:00
Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Vietnam	14:00	15:30
Brunei, China, Malaysia, Singapore	15:00	16:30
Japan, Korea	16:00	17:30

Participants (around 40 participants from 17 countries)

Bangladesh (BD) NCC	Pr. Qazi Mushtaq Hussain
China (CN) NCC	Dr. Jie He, Dr. Min Dai
India (IN) Tata Memorial H.	Dr. CS Pramesh, Dr. Manju Sengar
Indonesia (ID) Dharmais H.	Dr. Soeko W. Nindito, Dr.Dr.dDr. Evelina, Ms. Julyanti Agustina, Ms. Mela Dewi
Japan (JP) NCC	Dr. Hitoshi Nakagama, Dr. Masahiro Kaminota, Dr. Tomohiro Matsuda, Dr. Tatsuya Suzuki, Ms. Laureline Gatellier
Korea (KR) NCC	Prof. Jong Bae Park, M. Jong Soo Han
Malaysia (MY) NCI	Dr. Mohd Anis bin Haron, Dr. Lau Fen Nee
Pakistan (PK) Shaukat Khanum	Dr. Aasim Yusuf
Singapore (SG)	Prof. William Hwang, Dr. Kanaga Sabapathy, M. Koh Liang Kai
Turkey (TR)	Dr. Murat Gultekin
Vietnam (VN)	Dr. Pham Tuan Anh, Dr. Nguyen Huong Giang, Ms. Vu Thu Thao, M. Tran Xuan Dung, Ms. Nguyen Thanh Xuan

Distinguished guests

Bhutan (BT) Thimphu Hosp.	Dr. Tashi Dendup Wangdi,
Brunei (BN)	Dr. Dato Dr Babu Sukumaran, Dr. Datin Noraslinah Ramlee, Dr. Sokking Ong, Dr. Daphne Lai
Iran (IR) NCI	Dr. Mamak Tahmasebi
Myanmar (MM) YGH	Dr. Khin Khin Htwe
Nepal (NP) Kathmandu CC	Dr. Kishore Pradhananga
IARC	Dr. Elisabete Weiderpass

1. Introduction and greetings by each director (Chair: IN – Dr. Pramesh)

Dr. Pramesh (IN) opened the meeting, highlighting the ANCCA collaboration to decrease the cancer burden in the region across national boundaries. He invited each director (or representative) of Full Member NCCs and Affiliated entities to make a short self-introduction and to introduce each institution. For the first time in 2 years, ANCCA had the pleasure to welcome Affiliate Entities and special guests. Several attendants joined with a slight delay and made their presentation at a later stage of the meeting.

2. IARC and ANCCA – Expectations from IARC / common priorities (IARC Dir, Dr. Weiderpass)

IARC Dir delivered a keynote presentation, introducing ANCCA and its collaboration with IARC, reminding members of the meeting and discussions held in 2018 at the previous ANCCA meeting in Jakarta (Indonesia). She highlighted the important role of ANCCA, stressing the huge mission of the Alliance in the region. As rationale for her expectations, she stressed the burden of cancer in the region as a major concern, given that in 2018, for men and women nearly half of new cancer cases and more than half cancer deaths occurred in Asia (representing 60% of the global population). She also stressed that by 2040, if no action is taken, the number of new cancer cases will increase by 60% in Asia, making “now” the time to act. She confirmed that up to half can be prevented through dedicated initiatives, with primary and secondary prevention. IARC and ANCCA can collaborate further



to tackle this burden by promoting research to understand causes of cancer, and also build scientific evidence for prevention and early detection to impact policy makers at local, national, Asian and international settings. The ongoing collaboration, including those with IARC's section of Cancer Surveillance (including rare cancers) can still be expanded to other projects such as those related to specific cancer risk factors policies (e.g., smoking). One of her goals is also to facilitate collaborative activities, such involving primary and secondary cancer prevention as well as the development of strategies for national cancer control with equitable coverage of the Asian region.

3. Collaboration results ANCCA and Constitution Update (Secr. JP – Laureline Gatellier)

Following the brief explanation of ANCCA's activities since the establishment up to 2018 and the background, JP explained the achievements of the short-term targets including two publications, collaboration on COVID-19 management and the creation and regular updates of the ANCCA website (<http://ancca.asia>). She also highlighted the high interest and collaboration on training activities (despite the delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic), as well as specific projects, starting with the NCCP project (explained as item 8. below). She then introduced a key decision to be made at this meeting: the update of ANCCA's constitution from the previous version (2014). She asked all members to vote on the new constitution with two major changes: 1) change in membership to include two types of entities, "Full Members" and "Associate Entities" based on whether the institution is recognised as a National Cancer Center by the relevant Ministry of Health. 2) defining the overlapping secretariats served by two members, called Secretariat (during the first two years of their mandate) and Secretariat General (during the last 2 years of their mandate).

Post meeting note: All votes were positive, and the revised constitution is therefore endorsed. (for details, refer to the attached revised constitution).

4. Upcoming Action Plan and Long-Term Goals (Secr. KR – Prof. Jong Bae Park)

KR shared ANCCA mid-term and long-term action plans, including starting projects. He emphasized the importance of proposing leaders and collaborators for each of the new projects. Regarding the legal entity aspect, he stressed that this topic will be discussed in the mid-long term, when members have the opportunity to consider fundraising for future activities of ANCCA. He also shared updates on ongoing and newly proposed projects, expecting ANCCA members and associate entities to raise their hands as leader or collaborators whenever they consider the topic is relevant to Asia. He then explained the already implemented training and fellowship system. He also proposed ANCCA fellowship to the UICC-KNCC technical fellowship and the ANCCA-GCSP fellowship, to allow broader expansion among ANCCA members. He also emphasized the importance of setting up an Asian "referral network" for physicians and patients through specialized cancer working groups. In the end, he mentioned the expansion of tobacco-free zones as one of the most important activities, as smoking is still prevalent in the region. As long-term goals, he stressed the key role of ANCCA in setting Medical Standards specific to Asia (from diagnosis to supportive care, and all types of cancers incl. rare cancers, pediatric cancers).

Post meeting note: Following the suggestion from KR, a questionnaire will be shared with all ANCCA members and associate entities to allow to set the mid-term goals as a result of these High Level discussions and will be included in these meeting minutes.

5. Towards Face to Face ANCCA2021 in Hanoi (VN - Dr. Nguyen Huong Giang)

VN announced plans for the next Face to Face ANCCA2021 to take place in Hanoi, in September or October 2021, the venue to be confirmed, likely to be Vietnam National Cancer Hospital Campus Tan Trieu (or hotel). The provisional information about the ANCCA Face to Face meeting is already posted on the website (ANCCAVietnam.com). students from Asian countries with ANCCA members can attend the meeting if expenses are borne by themselves. Tentatively, VN considers inviting IARC Dir to the session of Day 2. Moreover, VN also considers to invite ID and JP as presenters of the NCCP program. The duration of the registration period is from January 2021 to October 2021. Invitations will be delivered to speakers and chairpersons and prioritized ANCCA members in April 2021. Deadlines of grant application of travel and accommodation for young professionals is set for 30th July 2021, abstract submission for May 2021, oral and poster presentation submission for 15th June 2021. She notified that the information of the meeting is also posted on the webpages of National Cancer Hospital and National Cancer institute in Vietnam. Accommodation and transportation of ANCCA members will be discussed with ANCCA members at a later date.



6. Update Website of ANCCA (ID – Dr. Soeko W. Nindito and Mela Dewi)

ID reminded members that the ANCCA website was established following the face-to-face meeting in Jakarta in 2018. ID also thanked all NCCs for sharing their country information and explained their constant efforts to keep the website updated, while always taking in consideration data protection, committing not to share information from individual NCC without their approval while managing the website. All feedback on improvement of the website is most welcome. ID also walked all participants through the ANCCA website, with data of each country and Country Cancer Profile of 7 countries included. In addition, information including on Cancer Country Profile (from WHO) and related to COVID-19 is also available and planned to be updated regularly on the ANCCA website. Further suggestions from ANCCA members and associate entities are very welcome, including suggestions for the new ANCCA projects arising from members and associate entities proposition.

7. National Cancer Control Program (NCCP) Assessment. (ID – Mela Dewi)

ID (on behalf of ID, VN and JP, the 3 initiating members) shared the current status of the project. As most ANCCA members have been involved in NCCP activities (such as preparedness and assessment by WHO-IAEA Impact mission program, investigations through the World Cancer Initiative by The Economist Group, and with information from WHO Cancer Country Profile), the project aims to build on such information to expand the current scope throughout the Asian region through collaboration among ANCCA members and associate entities to highlight the problems and potential for improvement at the national and regional level. The purpose is to 1) better understand NCCP in each country, 2) reach potential to implement adequate NCCPs and improve country policies and planning in individual countries through ANCCA members' sharing of information and 3) to set a long-term cancer agenda in Asia. Members are aware of the necessity to closely interact with their respective Ministries of Health to allow appropriate sharing of NCCP information as part of this initiative.

In the short term, ID, VN and JP will set up an online assessment tool based on available information and will share it for filling to other ANCCA members and associated entities. Any feedback or suggestion will be very welcome.

8. Open Discussions

JP shared their appreciation of ANCCA collaboration, looking forward to regular updates of the website with activities related to current and future projects' updates, with cancer prevention as a key priority, but also cancer treatment, taking in consideration the various levels of healthcare systems in the region. Regarding cancer treatment, sharing cancer data would be of precious use in order to reach progress in producing medical / devices / drugs through collaboration of ANCCA members. KR also emphasized the importance and peculiar position of "rare cancers" for which an ANCCA collaboration would be essential. On a short-term perspective, JP (Secretariat) informed all members of the upcoming APOCP x ANCCA "Cancer amidst COVID-19" symposium to be held by the end of the year. ANCCA Secretariat will contact members shortly. SG agreed with JP's suggestion, to expand the proposal to establish scientific committees by disease group (such as breast, lung etc) but also by research group (genomic medicine/ cell therapy/ ...) to expand ANCCA's current collaborations. TR highlighted the specific position of ANCCA members and the importance of keeping in close contact with respective ministries of health to overcome national regulatory issues.

9. Closing Remarks

Dr. Pramesh closed the meeting by thanking all members for their participation and fruitful discussions.