MEETING REPORT

‘Prevention and Early Detection of Cancer in Asia’
UICC-ICS-TATA-APOCP Workshop, Mumbai, India

On Saturday August 28th and the early part of Sunday August 29th of this year, a workshop was held under the financial auspices of the UICC, with support from the Indian Cancer Society, the Tata Memorial Hospital and the APOCP. Organized primarily by Robert Burton and Hélène Sancho-Garnier, Strategic Leaders of the UICC, and attended by some 18 scientists from India, and 21 from eleven other countries of Asia, IARC, WHO or UICC, the main aim was to establish a network of individuals active in cancer prevention across the region. A second focus was discussion of how to proceed with the planned Handbook on ‘Evidence-based Cancer Prevention Strategies’ as a collaborative project between the UICC and the APOCP. The program was as follows:

Workshop Overview, Robert Burton

‘Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) in Asia’ Chairs: Robert Burton & Kazuo Tajima

Prevention of NCD in Asia, Robert Burton, UICC

Tobacco Control in Asia, Prakesh Gupta, India

Developing an Integrated NCD Prevention Program in the Philippines, Josefina Tuazon, Philippines

‘Prevention of Cancer in Asia’ Chairs: Malcolm Moore & Josefina Tuazon

Infectious Cancers in Asia, Kazuo Tajima, APOCP

Chemoprevention of Cancer, Hiroyuki Tsuda, Japan

Education Strategies for Successful Prevention, Dorothy Reading, Australia

Creating an Asian Handbook on Cancer Prevention, Hélène Sancho-Garnier

‘Screening for Cancer’ Chairs: Hélène Sancho-Garnier & Sankaranarayan

Overview of Cancer Screening, Hélène Sancho-Garnier

IARC and Cervical Cancer Screening, Sankaranarayan

Strategic Leaders Sancho-Garniez and Burton

‘Cancer Screening in India’ Chairs: KA Dinshaw & Arun Kurkure

Cancer Screening Trials in India, Surendra Shastri, India

Oral Cancer in India, Arun Kurkure

Cancer Screening in India, Chaudry Kishore, India

A Health Worker’s Perspective on Screening for Cancer in India, Krishnan Nair
Malcolm A Moore and Kazuo Tajima

‘Asian Experiences with Cancer Screening’
Chairs: Hélène Sancho-Garnier & Robert Burton

Organised Whole Country Population Pap-Smear Screening for Cervical Cancer,
Dorothy Reading, Australia

WHO Perspectives for South-East Asian Countries,
Varghese Cherian, WHO

The NGO Perspective, Arun Kurkure

‘Invited Presentations on Country Experiences with Cancer Prevention and Screening’
Chairs: Hélène Sancho-Garnier & Robert Burton

Bangladesh
Muhammed Shahadat Hossain,
Bangladesh Cancer Society

China
Ling Yang,
National Office for Cancer Prevention and Control

Japan
Kazuo Tajima,
Aichi Cancer Center, APOCP Chairman

Korea
Won Chul Lee,
The Catholic University of Korea

Malaysia
Nor Saleha Binti Ibrahim Tamin,
Cancer and Tobacco Control Unit, Ministry of Health

Nepal
Muhammed Shahadat Hossain,
The Aga Khan University and Hospital

Pakistan
Sahista Masood Khan,
Bangladesh Cancer Society

Singapore
Khin Khin Win,
Singapore Cancer Society

Thailand
Petcharin Srivatanakul,
Cancer Control Unit, National Cancer Institute

Each of the sessions was complemented by in depth discussions and there was ample opportunity to plan new collaborative projects between the UICC and the APOCP, including the creation of one or more ‘Asian Handbook on Cancer Prevention’.

The Assembled Company