

The Ireland-Northern Ireland-NCI Cancer Consortium: Ten Years and Counting

Health Economics Workshop– 22 April 2009

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Establishment & Renewal

- Signing ceremony in Belfast in October 1998 attended by Senators Connie Mack and George Mitchell plus other dignitaries
- Renewed for 5 years in November 2006 in Belfast



1998



2006



Cancer Consortium - Governance

Board of Directors:



Dr. Tony Holohan
Dep. CMO, Ireland



Dr. Michael McBride
CMO, Northern Ireland



Dr. John Niederhuber
Director, US NCI



Board of Directors

Strategic Advisory Group



**Cancer Registries
WG**

**Nursing
WG**

**Scholar Exchange
& Training WG**

**Prevention
WG**

**IT
WG**

**Clinical Trials
WG**



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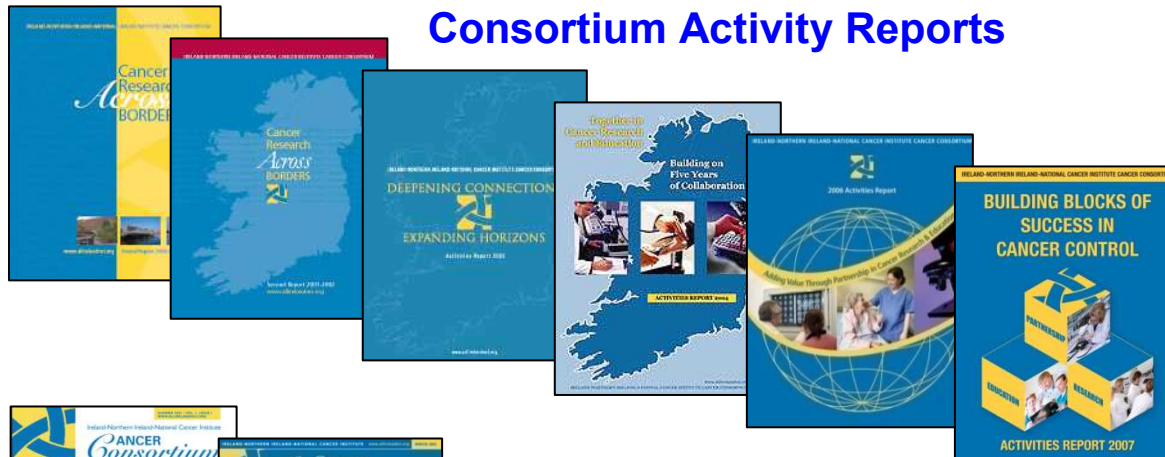
Research Across Borders



Consortium Communications by OIA/NCI

Consortium Activity Reports

9-yr Timeline



Average of one noteworthy event per month for 9 years

Consortium Newsletters



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Building Blocks of Success





Areas of Scientific Cooperation in MOU 2006

- **Prevention and Early Detection**
- **Diagnosis and Treatment**
- **Palliative Care and Survivorship**
- **Interactions Aimed at Enhanced Public-Health and Patient-Care**
- **Research (including biobanking)**
- **Education and Training of Physicians, Nurses, and Scientists**
- **Epidemiology (including registration and surveillance)**
- **Quality Assurance**
- **Cancer Policy Analysis and Health Economics**



Consortium Exchanges (Chart thru 2008)



Number of scholars endorsed by the Consortium by jurisdiction and program, 2000-2008.

Type of Exchange Program	Duration of Program	Participants by Jurisdiction			Total Participants
		Ireland	Northern Ireland	United States	
Epidemiology Fellowship	3 years	2	1	1	4
NCI Clinical Trials Training for Nurses	3 weeks/3 months	11	7		18
Clinical Trials E-learning Module for Nurses	12 weeks	10	16		26
Health Research Board (HRB)/NCI Health Economics Fellowships in Cancer Program	4 years	2			2
NCI Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention: Molecular Prevention Course	1 week	97	39		136*
NCI Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention: Principles and Practice of Cancer Prevention and Control Course	4 weeks	66	27		93†
NCI Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program	3 years	4	4		8
Joint Research Projects in Cancer (JRPC)	2-3 years	6‡	3	7	16

In 2008, the total of Consortium-mediated exchanges passed the >300 milestone.



Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention



- **Summer Courses**
 - *Principles and Practice of Cancer Prevention and Control* (4 wks)
 - *Molecular Prevention* (1 wk)

- **Lecturers: Senior scientists and practitioners**

- **>100 Participants (>50% international in since 2006)**

- **Advances in Cancer Prevention lectureship**

- **Through '08, ~140 participants have come from the island of Ireland**



2007/2008 Highlights

- Co-sponsorship of annual conferences at St. James's in Dublin
- First All-Ireland Economics Workshop held at NCI
- ~25 Island scholars/yr participating in NCI Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention and Control program
- Consortium website awarded two awards for excellence
- National Cancer Biobanking Workshop and Mini-Symposium held in Dublin
- **First two awards for NCI/HRB Economics Fellowships**
- Five new awards for Joint Research Project Fellowships
- 4th All-Ireland Cancer Conference in Dublin in Dec. 2008



Health Economics Training Programme



November 2006
Health Economics added to the MOU as an area of emphasis



May 2007
OIA/NCI organizes the first All-Ireland Health Economics Workshop in Bethesda



August 2008
First two HRB/NCI Health Economics Fellows begin their studies with the NCI Summer Curriculum in Cancer Prevention

You Are Here



2nd All-Ireland Health Economics Workshop in April 2009 in Dublin.

HRB creates Health Economics Ph.D. funding & issues call for applications. OIA/NCI recruits U.S. mentors for the programme.

