

**International Cancer Information Service Group**  
**Annual Report**  
**July 2006 – July 2007**

I'm pleased to present a summary of the activities of the International Cancer Information Service Group (ICISG) during the past year. It has been a busy and exciting time as the ICISG continues to grow and share our experience and expertise with many organizations across the globe that are interested in operating a Cancer Information Service (CIS). It is gratifying to know that wherever a CIS is, cancer patients, their families and friends, the public and the health care community have a resource for accurate, up to date, and personalized information.

On behalf of the entire board of directors of the ICISG, I thank all of you for your continued dedication to the mission of the CIS. And we look forward to seeing you in Geneva in August 2008.

Anne Vezina  
President

- **2007 World Cancer Congress, Washington, DC** – ICISG was an active participant at the conference, presenting an all-day preconference workshop on how to start a CIS. At the workshop, 46 participants from 24 countries learned about the steps needed to start a CIS, how to recruit and train staff, elements of quality management, and key resources and technology. In addition, ICISG presented two additional symposia and Anne Vezina, ICISG President, presented the benefits of a CIS and gave an overview of ICISG at the Track 4 (Capacity Building) plenary session.
- **Partnership with UICC** – For the last two years, ICISG has worked in partnership with the UICC to address the information needs of patients worldwide. In April 2007, we extended the partnership and look forward to working with the UICC in the years ahead.
- **CIS Tool Box Launched** – Together, ICISG and UICC created a web-based CIS Tool Box to assist cancer organizations in setting up or improving their CIS program. The Tool Box, which includes resources and samples from many operating CIS programs, is available to all ICISG members on our website: [www.icisg.org](http://www.icisg.org).

- **ICISG Membership** – During the past year, applications for membership have been accepted from:
  - Associao nacional de Informacao e Apoio dobre cancer de mama, Brasil
  - Kenya Medical Research Institute (KMRI), Nairobi, Kenya
  - COPE Breast Cancer, Lagos, Nigeria

This brings ICISG members to 54 from 32 countries.

- **New ICISG Board Members** – New members of the board of ICISG include: Sylvia Den, Swiss Cancer League, Roshini George, American Cancer Society; Francesco de Lorenzo, AIMaC; and Ingrid Aubry, National Cancer Institute of France.
- **ICISG Strategic Plan** – The ICISG board is writing a strategic plan for the organization to identify goals to carry the organization to 2010. The plan will be posted on the ICISG website.
- **Plans for 2008 World Cancer Congress, Geneva** – Following on the success of the preconference workshop held at the last conference, we are planning to hold another workshop in Geneva. The agenda for the all-day workshop will include a morning plenary session and afternoon breakout sessions for those just starting a CIS and for those who are operating a CIS and want additional technical assistance. Other activities include an exhibit, a members reception, the annual general meeting of members, and board elections.
- **Article on ICISG Published in JCE** – The *Journal of Cancer Education* published an article on the ICISG in Volume 22 Spring 2007 Supplement. Board member Marion Morra was the lead author.