

International Cancer Information Service Group (ICISG)

2009 President's Report

This has been a productive year for the International Cancer Information Service Group (ICISG). Our greatest asset is our shared knowledge and years of experience in providing information and support to cancer patients, their families, the public, and health professionals. We are stronger because we work together.

On behalf of the entire board of directors of the ICISG, I thank all of you for your continued dedication to providing information and support through a cancer information service.

Milestones in 2009:

- In 2009, we increased membership, adding new members. This brings our membership to 68 members from 43 countries.

New members in 2009:

- Belgium Foundation Against Cancer
 - Mahidol University Faculty of Nursing, Thailand
 - PAVEL Association, Bucharest, Romania
 - Zambian Breast Cancer Foundation
 - CANSA Information Service, South Africa
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- We continued our strong partnership with the UICC, renewing our Memorandum of Understanding in 2009.
 - Board members Doreen Akkerman and Amanda Hordern (Australia) are coordinating and preparing our workshop on "How to Start and Manage a CIS" at the UICC World Cancer Congress in 2010 in China.
 - We presented a poster on ICISG at the International Cancer Education Conference in Houston, Texas.
 - In February, board members Monika Preszly (Germany), Martin Ledwick (UK), and colleagues held a meeting of European CIS programs and discussed ways to collaborate and share data.
 - On behalf of ICISG, board member Monika Preszly (Germany) presented a poster at the Third International Cancer Control Congress in Cernobbio, Italy.

- In addition, board members Francesco DeLorenzo (Italy) and Monika Preszly (Germany) lead a workshop on “Cancer Information in the Internet Era” at the Third International Cancer Control Congress in Cernobbio, Italy.
- Board member Martin Ledwick (UK) and colleagues published an article in the journal *Cancer Nursing Practice* on “The Information Needs of Patients and Carers Beyond the Point of Care.”

New in 2010

In January 2010 ICISG will make the CIS Tool Box open and accessible to all CIS programs. There will no longer be a need to register or login. There are many valuable resources on the Tool Box. Please continue to refer to it, use the forms, and share our expertise. <http://www.icisg.org/>

ICISG is an organization founded in 1996 and made up entirely of volunteers with a shared commitment to the value and importance of cancer information. We look forward to a very busy and productive 2010.

Please continue to share your news with the group through the ICISG listserv (ICISGmembers@icisg.org).

Chris Thomsen

President, 2008-2010