

## **INTERNATIONAL CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE GROUP**

### **President's Report – 2010**

This has been another 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 2010:**

In 2010, we increased membership, adding new members. This brings our membership to 75 members from 49 countries.

#### **New members in 2010:**

- Cancer Council, Queensland, Australia
- Liga Portuguesa Contra o Cancro, Lisbon, Portugal
- Southern Cancer Network of Christchurch, New Zealand
- Medical Oncology Information Center, Mongolia
- Indian Cancer Society, Delhi Branch
- Non-Smokers' Rights Association of Nepal

#### **Activities:**

- We continued our partnership with the UICC, presenting a workshop on How to Start and Manage a Cancer Information Service at the World Cancer Congress in China.
- We presented a poster on ICISG at the International Cancer Education Conference in San Diego, California in October.
- In November, board members Monika Preszly (Germany), Martin Ledwick (UK), and Marianne Duperray (France) held a meeting of European CIS programs. Participants at this meeting have formed a European Chapter of ICISG, with an email listserv, working groups, and plans to continue collaborating.

#### **Website:**

- Board member Marion Morra and colleagues revised and updated the CIS Tool Box, which is available on the ICISG website: <http://www.icisg.org/resources/resources0.html>
- Board member Irene Miller (Canada), ICISG Secretariat, continues to update the website.
- A special thank you goes to Jasper Smith and staff at Sparks Computer Solutions, UK, for their support of our website.

#### **New in 2011:**

- The annual meeting of the ICISG Board of Directors will be May 25-26 in Paris.

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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 2011.

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

**ICISG Board Members:**

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