

Improving Cancer Information in Latin America and the Caribbean

Meeting and Course Evaluation

Regional Meeting of Cancer Registries and Cancer Program Managers

(Brasilia, Brazil, 13–14 October 2009)

Train the Trainers Course: Cancer Registration and Data Quality Control in Population-Based Cancer Registries

(Brasilia, Brazil, 14–16 October 2009)

On 16 October, participants were asked for their comments on one aspect of the course and meeting:

Positive

- Excellent discussions, meeting our own environment, exchange, and knowledge of other experiences all allowed for broad participation, discussing what we have learned.
- We feel that our suggestions were taken seriously and that the thematic discussions were very positive.
- We have learned a lot from the experts through the combination of actors present (personnel from ministries, institutes, and records). This motivated teamwork and relations among countries and integration.
- The environment was multilingual.
- The concepts were sound, as was the topic of the workshop.
- It is good that PAHO and IARC are initiating training courses.
- The presentations were very informative.
- The methods used enriched group discussion.
- The plenary presentations were very interesting.
- Discussions allowed for clarification of doubts, with various points made to convince authorities of the importance of records and quality control.
- This is a good initiative that will help record-keeping, making it better organized and designed (including quality control).
- The venue of the meeting was a good one.
- All in all, the initiative brought people together to share their different experiences.

Negative

- The course on data quality should be better structured and its content more concise.
- There was a lack of unified basic concepts.
- Participants should have been invited earlier.
- Certain issues were not covered.
- The program was too tight and the translations poor.
- This wasn't really a course but rather mere discussions on topics.
- The methodology was not adequate to cover the central objective of the course.

- There were changes in the program.
- There was not enough practical information provided prior to the course.
- The program seemed improvised. Some participants did not attend.
- There was not enough bibliographic material.
- People did not stick to the agenda (hours!) and some presentations were too long and others could have been better.
- The exercises need to be more structured.
- Conclusions and commitments are missing.
- The sessions were too elaborate and long, though interesting.
- These meetings only have a limited impact.
- There were not enough financial resources available to get the necessary participants to the meeting.

Interesting

- Getting to know the experience and methodologies of other registries was a good thing.
- The course was very proactive and aimed at solutions.
- We got to know other persons with the same interests.
- The course facilitators were very receptive.
- We hope to use our knowledge to benefit our registries.
- The lessons learned from the discussions and practical sessions can be applied to our countries.
- We familiarized ourselves with more possibilities and a global vision of collaboration opportunities between Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and Europe.
- The country experiences were interesting and provided some depth into the topics, with a different vision for the Americas.
- There was positive exchange of ideas among the LAC countries.
- The experience of others helps us, be we managers or registry staff, to share the same space.
- The explanation of CanReg 4 was good.
- The proposal to incorporate the registries into the health information systems was good.
- Noteworthy were the presentations on the quality control index and CIVC standard.
- We liked the fact that the IARC visited LAC.
- The quality of themes and discussions was excellent.

Suggestions

- Verify presentations to ensure message transmission.
- Select consultants to help different countries prepare new courses on specific topics.
- To develop new registries in LAC, improving the methodology and providing scientific support materials.
- Invite us again so we can expand the workplan; in my country, the plan calls for more.
- Define concrete activities to take place through PAHO-IARC collaboration.
- Incorporate the experience of successful registry management.
- Give a 4-8-week online course with distance learning every.
- Bring your presentations on a CD-ROM.
- Provide additional literature and weblinks.
- Integrate theory into practice in country operations in accordance with the realities of the Region.
- Hold periodic meetings and have a repeat meeting to assess progress.
- The meeting should have ended with a country-level plan.
- Develop the project as a whole, explaining in detail the role that we play.

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