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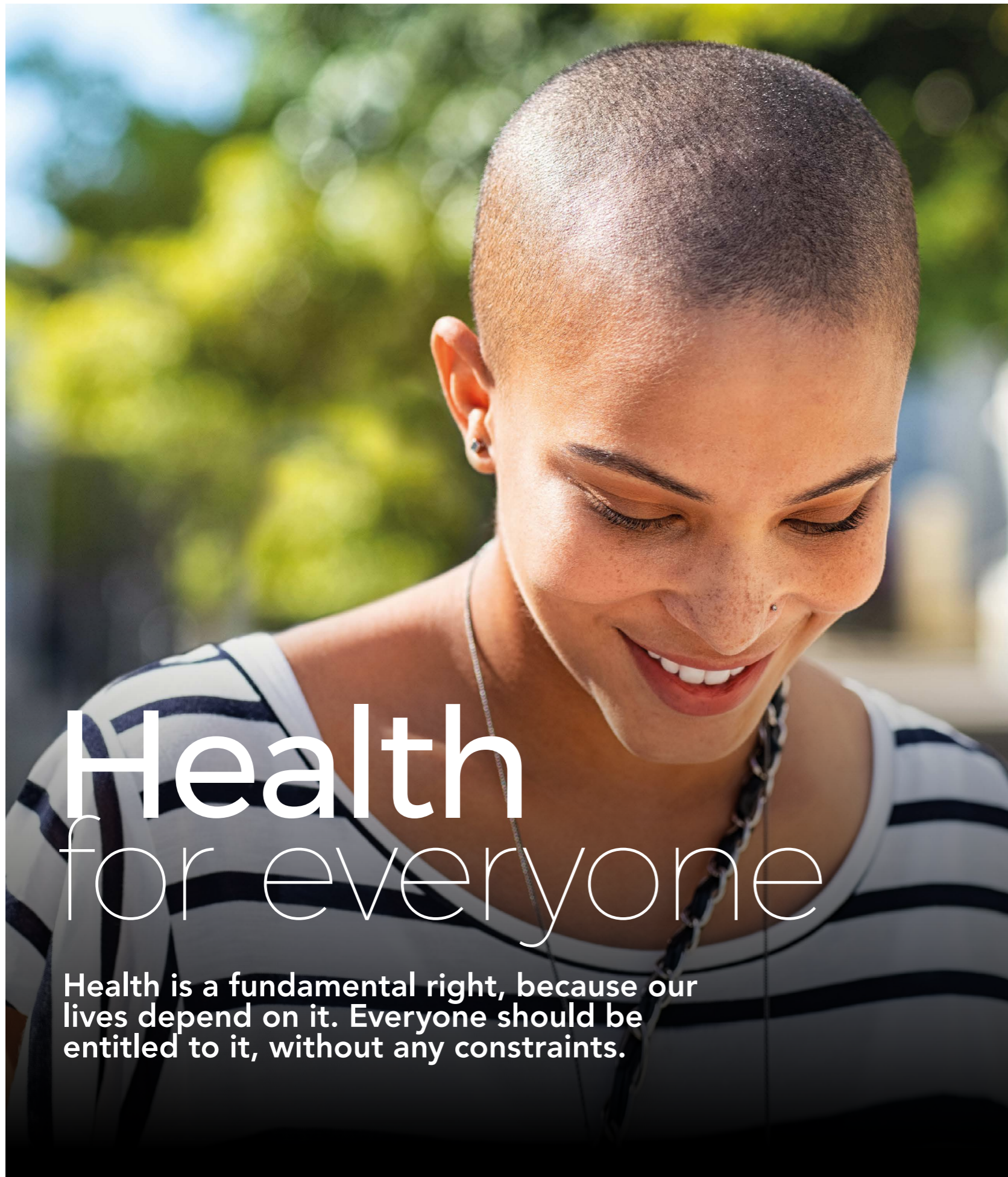
# The Nouveau Centre building

at the service of IARC's global expertise



International Agency for Research on Cancer





# Health for everyone

Health is a fundamental right, because our lives depend on it. Everyone should be entitled to it, without any constraints.

> **16**  
MILLION\*

people will die of cancer in 2040.<sup>1</sup> The disease is predicted to become the leading cause of death worldwide.

**992** BILLION  
EUROS

is the annual cost of cancer worldwide. Cancer has the highest economic impact of all diseases.<sup>2</sup>

**30 /  
50%**

of cancers in the world could be avoided by prevention,<sup>3</sup> according to Dr Elisabeth Weiderpass, Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).



**"Cooperation between peoples, the improvement of the human condition, and the advancement of science remain at the heart of our actions, thanks to your help."**

Letter of support from General de Gaulle in 1963

\*Figure from 2018 data.

(1) Global Cancer Observatory (GCO) 2018–2040, all cancers, ages, and sexes combined.

(2) World Cancer Report 2020: International Agency for Research on Cancer.

(3) Biennial Report 2018–2019: International Agency for Research on Cancer.

# IARC, a unique organization

## Expertise full of history...

Born out of an impetus of international solidarity, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) was established in 1965 by a resolution of the World Health Assembly as a specialized agency of the World Health Organization (WHO). IARC is the global agency of the United Nations that works for the prevention of cancer.

## ... beyond borders

IARC is responsible for promoting international collaboration in cancer research. It collaborates in more than 140 countries with governments; international organizations, including WHO; stakeholders from the private and public sectors; and researchers from various disciplines, such as laboratory sciences, bioinformatics, biostatistics, and epidemiology.



**70%<sup>1</sup> of deaths due to cancer occur in low- and middle-income countries. IARC prioritizes research with these countries, to provide international answers to national questions.**

## A catalyst for international progress

IARC's research is recognized by international organizations and governments. The *IARC Monographs on the Identification of Carcinogenic Hazards to Humans* are renowned and form the basis of prevention policy (tobacco, alcohol, asbestos, and pesticides and other chemicals).

## The symbolism of the Nouveau Centre building: a major turning point for IARC

Dr Elisabete Weiderpass has been the Director of IARC since January 2019. "IARC must remain the global reference to propose evidence-based cancer prevention strategies at the global level, with a particular focus on low- and middle-income countries," she states.<sup>2</sup>

**In 2022, IARC will move its headquarters to the Nouveau Centre building, situated in the Biodistrict of Gerland in Lyon. The building symbolizes a new era.**



**350 people of 50 different nationalities work at IARC in Lyon to guide the development of health policies worldwide.<sup>1</sup>**

(1) World Cancer Report 2020: International Agency for Research on Cancer.  
(2) Biennial Report 2018–2019: International Agency for Research on Cancer.



Open science that is available to you, more collaborative and accessible, achieved thanks to a more efficient building and state-of-the-art equipment.

# The Nouveau Centre building, at the service of open science



# 2022

## A date with history



### 4 questions to

# Elisabete Weiderpass

— Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer

**Q/ You became the Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in January 2019. What is your vision of the role?**

A/ IARC is an independent organization, a WHO agency, specialized in cancer prevention. Currently, more than 9 million people die of cancer every year. Nearly half of cancers worldwide could be avoided by prevention. We know which interventions work, which are cost-effective, and which prevention programmes can be implemented nationally and locally. Even though IARC does not have a normative role as such, its role is central in public health decisions to save millions of lives.

**Q/ In 2022, IARC will move to the Nouveau Centre building in the heart of the Biodistrict in Lyon. In concrete terms, what will this new site bring?**

A/ Our research is based essentially on multidisciplinary programmes that combine epidemiology and laboratory research. The site will be equipped with numerous research offices and several laboratories, facilitating this process. Moreover, we will double the capacity of our Biobank. This has become necessary to produce high-quality research, because of the increase in sampling and storage of biological samples.

**Q/ The culture at IARC is based on open science. How does the Nouveau Centre embody this concept?**

A/ The capacity of the new site and the modernity of its equipment will allow us to increase collaborations and partnerships around the world, which will lead to better results. It is a virtuous process. More locally, in Lyon, our presence in the Biodistrict will enable new synergies to form with those involved in research and health already in the area. The Nouveau Centre will promote open access to knowledge for researchers, businesses, and individuals. The infrastructure for hosting and exchanging ideas

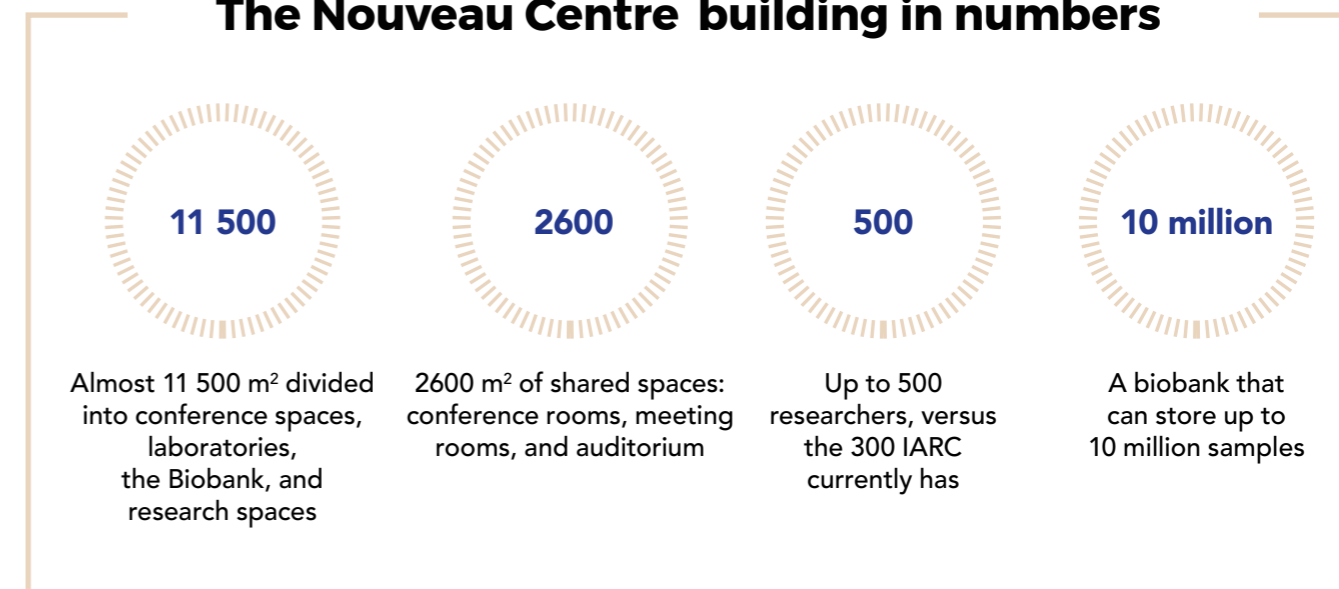
(the auditorium, conference rooms, etc.) reflect this openness, and numerous events will be open to the general public.

**Q/ IARC has to cover the costs of fitting out the Nouveau Centre, estimated to be about 13.4 million euros. How far have you got in financing it?**

A/ The project is funded up to 51.6 million euros, shared between the French government and local authorities (the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, the

Lyon Métropole, and the Ville de Lyon). IARC has to finance fitting out the premises, the technical equipment for the Biobank and the laboratories, and the furniture and audiovisual equipment, for a total of 13.4 million euros. Numerous partners have already pledged their support, and we thank them warmly. We still need to raise 10 million euros. IARC is currently appealing to the generosity of donors so that the Nouveau Centre project will become a reality. Together, we can save millions of lives.

### The Nouveau Centre building in numbers





# Become an IARC partner

**Businesses: stakeholders involved in the global fight against cancer.**

Becoming a partner means enabling the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) to position itself as the global centre of expertise in cancer prevention. Your donations enable us to carry out research on prevention for everyone: this is at the heart of our actions. **Prevention could save 7 million lives around the world in the next 10 years.**

In 2022, we will move to an ultra-modern building in Lyon's Biodistrict to carry out high-quality research. Numerous partners have already pledged their support (just more than 55 million euros), but we still need to raise almost 10 million euros to finance fitting out the building. The Nouveau Centre project will give concrete form to our vision of Open Science. We will create a "haven of peace" for researchers from around the world to enable them to work together and establish new collaborations. IARC will be an accelerator of scientific discovery to reduce cancer incidence and prevent all types of cancer worldwide.

We need to give the researchers the most efficient work space possible. For this to happen, we are looking for partners who are open to making the following equipment available to us:

- IT and audiovisual equipment for the conference rooms;
- Furniture for the common spaces and spaces open to the public;
- Equipment for the laboratories and the Biobank.

As a business, you can help us by making in-kind donations of equipment.

**TOGETHER, LET'S SAVE MILLIONS OF LIVES.**



**Our team is at your disposal. Contact us today:**

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**"Thank you for your commitment side by side with us."**

Dr Elisabete Weiderpass, Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer.



Australia (1965) – Austria (2008)  
Belgium (1970) – Brazil (2013)  
Canada (1982) – Denmark (1990)  
Finland (1986) – France (1965)  
Germany (1965) – Hungary (2019)  
India (2006) – Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2018)  
Ireland (2007) – Italy (1965)  
Japan (1972) – Morocco (2015)  
Netherlands (1967) – Norway (1987)  
Qatar (2013) – Republic of Korea (2006)  
Russian Federation (1965) – Spain (2003)  
Sweden (1979) – Switzerland (1990)  
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