



**INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER
CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE RECHERCHE SUR LE CANCER**

IARC Day

Wednesday, 13th May 2009

Princess Takamatsu Hall and Sasakawa Halls A & B

This year during the IARC Day we will recognize and celebrate some truly exceptional achievements in cancer research, namely the identification of human papilloma virus (HPV) as a necessary cause of cervical cancer and the development of a dual strategy to reduce the burden of this cancer by vaccination and by screening. These discoveries will lead to a significant reduction in the current burden of over half a million cases of cervical cancer worldwide, with a vast majority of cases occurring in women in developing countries.

The two recipients of the IARC *Medal of Honour* have made remarkable contributions to this research field. Professor Harald zur Hausen from the German Cancer Research Centre was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 2008 "for his discovery of human papilloma viruses causing cervical cancer". Professor Nubia Muñoz made major contributions to the establishment of the aetiology of cervical cancer through her pioneering epidemiological studies during her distinguished career as a scientist at IARC.

After the lectures refreshments will be available and poster presentations will be displayed in the reception area.

Programme of Events

- 2.00 p.m. Introduction by Dr Christopher P. Wild
Director, IARC
- 2.15 p.m. 17th Roger Sohier Lecture:
The search for infectious agents in human cancers
Professor Harald zur Hausen
- 3.00 p.m. 6th Richard Doll Lecture:
From aetiology to prevention: The case of cervical cancer
Dr Nubia Muñoz
- 3.45 p.m. Presentation of IARC *Medal of Honour*
- 4.00 p.m. Apéritif and poster presentations in reception area
- 5.00 p.m. Close