

**REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNING COUNCIL SPECIAL FUND:
B. JUNE 2016 CONFERENCE**

1. The Agency is planning a major international scientific conference entitled “Global Cancer: occurrence, causes and avenues to prevention”, which is structured around its core research themes. The conference represents one way in which IARC will seek to shape the international research agenda on cancer prevention as it moves forward with its Medium-Term Strategy (2016–2020).
2. The three-day conference will be held at the “Cité internationale” in Lyon from 7–10 June 2016 with an anticipated 400 to 500 participants. The overall conference organization is being handled by an outside specialist company, selected following tender.
3. The conference will feature keynote lectures from leading scientists, as well as smaller themed symposia, debates and poster sessions. The scientific programme has been defined, with the support of an outstanding Scientific Advisory Committee, and the participation of outstanding keynote speakers has been secured.
4. A unique feature of the conference is the participation of 50 future cancer research leaders from low- and middle-income countries – the so-called “50 for 50” – one for each year of IARC’s history. These participants will be provided with leadership training events prior to the conference and it is the intention of the Agency to keep this network together following the conference.
5. The week of events will also include an open lecture in French for a lay audience in order to promote the message of cancer prevention to the general public.
6. The cost of the conference is estimated at 330 000€. In addition, the cost of providing the “50 for 50” bursaries is estimated at 130 000€, with 50 000€ of this sum already secured in sponsorship. Income will be generated from registration fees and sponsorship from a variety of non-private sector partners.
7. At its 56th Session, in relation to the IARC 50th anniversary celebrations, the Governing Council (Resolution GC/56/R11) agreed: “to allocate up to 150 000€ from the Governing Council Special Fund to permit: a) the production, printing and translation of the book “IARC, the first 50 years: 1965–2015” and translation of the earlier technical document on the origins of IARC (up to 50 000€ of the maximum 150 000€); b) to support planning of the international conference on cancer causes and prevention, including engagement of a professional conference organizer, the guarantee of reservation of venue, etc. (up to 100 000€ of the maximum

150 000€)." Any unused portion of the allocation was to be returned to the Governing Council Special Fund.

8. The Director was able to identify alternative sources of financing during 2014–2015 to cover the costs of the aforementioned book on IARC's history and thus did not use the allocated 50 000€ designated by the Governing Council for this purpose from its Special Fund.

9. The Director is therefore requesting the Governing Council to make available the remaining 50 000€ for the 2016 June Conference in case of any shortfall from sponsorship and registration fees.

10. This request is made on the basis that a maximum of the conference costs would be recovered through external funds and any unused portion of the allocation would be returned to the Fund.