

# Welcome to *Cancer Control 2023*

For a decade Dr Ian Magrath, our first Editor-in- Chief, and myself, Publisher of *Cancer Control* have written this introduction together for each annual volume. Sadly, in March 2023, Ian passed away.

The *Cancer Control* series began as a partnership between Global Health Dynamics and the International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research to give some much needed coverage to cancer care in low- and middle-income countries. I will be forever grateful for Ian's guidance, motivation, insight and profound knowledge, which set our course. I treasured his friendship and conversation, which covered so many subjects from the cosmos (a favourite topic) to the politics of the day. The success of *Cancer Control* is in no small way down to him and his legacy is hard-wired into our purpose, role, and attitude to global cancer care.

This sadness was added to by the death shortly after of Melissa Adde, Ian's wife and then the current President of INCTR. An heartfelt appreciation of Ian and Melissa by friends and colleagues follows this introduction.

In this issue, we report on some of the global challenges faced by the cancer community. We take a first look at the complex way that climate change is impacting cancer care in LMICs in a disproportionate way and also how cancer research creates its own carbon footprint, that needs to be addressed. We look at how cancer care is managed in crises

with a focus on displacements during conflict and using the example of Syria. Conflict is also key in our assessment of cancer care in the Sudan. Finally, we report on the current status of oncology nursing in five LMICs (Turkey, Peru, Philippines and Ethiopia) and what needs to be done

We also revisit Latin America with an article on the new Latin American Cancer Code by one of its senior contributors and carry an extended interview with the eminent Professor Cazap, President of SLACOM, on the development of cancer care in the region during his career and what remains to be done.

In our final section, we look at how language and communication can affect perceptions of cancer and how people react to it, which may lead to poor diagnosis and misunderstanding. We also look at personalized care and how it can contribute to quality of life as well as survival by providing a more holistic approach to cancer treatment and care. ■

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