

The present document illustrates the authorship criteria for the EUROCARE-5 Publication Plan, as from decisions taken at the EUROCARE SC Meeting (Rome) on 18.09.2013, and at the INT- ISS Meeting (Milan) on 27.11.2014.

The EUROCARE-5 Publication Plan is structured in three different phases here summarized:

PHASE 1:	Summary EUROCARE-5 results for <u>adults</u> and <u>children</u>
PHASE 2:	<u>EJC Monograph</u>
PHASE 3:	papers on specific topics, with study protocol approved in the <u>Plenary Meeting</u> or by the Steering Committee. These studies are conducted by responsible authors with possibility of access to individual data (via data release consent from the registries) <u>Eurocare-5 Phase-3 Protocols</u>

Communications to the EUROCARE-5 Network

The General EUROCARE-5 Working Group (WG) contacts are regularly updated. The different lists of authors or mailing lists are derived from there. The circulation of Phase-2 and Phase-3 articles, the communication of a proposed article, news about submission and publication and news on EUROCARE will be forwarded to researchers who are reported as working at that time in the contributing cancer registries and constituting the EUROCARE-5 Network.

EUROCARE-5 Working Group for publications

The criteria for the composition of the list of authors to be included as EUROCARE-5 WG in the EUROCARE publications is given in the following according to the three different phases of the EUROCARE Publication Plan.

1. PHASE-1 Papers

1.1 List of authors included in the EUROCARE 5 Working Group

- The Working Group related to the Phase-1 papers (Ph1WG) included all Cancer Registries (CRs) contributing in EUROCARE-5 with data eligible for survival analysis that were checked, revised, included in the common EUROCARE database, and analysed (the contribution of a CR should be recognised even if its results are not reported/used in the paper because of specific inclusion criteria)
- It aimed to an homogeneous representation among countries, hence a maximum of 2 representatives per CR is foreseen (i.e., CR director + 1 researcher)
- For CRs with more than one researcher, a rotation system was adopted, to ensure maximum visibility to contributors
- For CRs with more than one researcher involved, the rotation follows an alphabetical order and the priority was given to those active at the time of EUROCARE-5 data collection
- The EUROCARE Steering Committee Members, the EUROCARE researchers and technical staff at INT and ISS are included in the WGs for all papers
- Associations representing National databases are included (e.g. AIRTUM, NICER,...)
- The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine representatives and Prof. Hermann Brenner are included as experts

2. PHASE-2 Papers

2.1 List of authors to be included in the EUROCARE 5 Working Group

- The Working Group related to the Phase-2 papers (Ph2WG) includes all CRs contributing in EUROCARE-5 with data eligible for survival analysis that were checked, revised, included in the common EUROCARE database, and analysed (the contribution of a CR should be recognised even if its results are not reported/used in the paper because of specific inclusion criteria)
- For an homogeneous representation among countries, a maximum of 2 representatives per CR is included (i.e., CR director + 1 researcher)
- For CRs with more than one researcher, a rotation system is adopted
- The EUROCARE Steering Committee Members, the EUROCARE researchers and technical staff at INT and ISS are included in the WGs for all papers

The following integrations apply (as from the INT- ISS Meeting, held in Milan on 27.11.2014):

The Ph2WG includes

- Researchers working in the CRs at the time of publication, unless differently indicated by the CR director
- The rotation follows an alphabetical order
- The rotation allows for double entering (names may appear twice in papers where a researcher is both author and credited in WG by rotation)
- For authors who have changed position, the Ph2WG includes CR-research staff who were not yet credited in phase 1 papers WG rotation, until credit is extinguished. These researchers will be shown with their old affiliation at the time of data collection
- Associations representing National databases are included (e.g. AIRTUM, NICER,...)
- The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine representatives and Prof. Hermann Brenner are included as experts

2.2 Deadlines for Phase-2 articles

- All Phase-2 articles are coordinated by under the responsibility of the Guest Editors of the monograph and are circulated to the EUROCare-5 WG before submission
- The EUROCare-5 Network has a **30-day**-deadline for submitting comments, remarks on the article or requests for changes to the WG.

3. PHASE-3 papers

3.1 List of authors to be included in the EUROCare 5 Working Group

The Working Group related to the Phase-3 papers (Ph3WG) articles includes CRs who have sent good quality data included in the study and actively contributed to the analysis (a maximum of 2 representatives per CR is included, i.e., CR director + 1 researcher).

The following integrations apply (as from the INT- ISS Meeting, held in Milan on 27.11.2014):

The Ph3WG includes

- Researchers working in the CRs at the time of publication, unless differently indicated by the CR director
- The rotation follows an alphabetical order
- The rotation allows for double entering (names may appear twice in papers where a researcher is both author and credited in WG by rotation)
- Not all CRs who authorise the use of their data for local analyses outside INT or ISS will be included, but only CRs actually contributing to the final analyses
- The EUROCare Steering Committee Members, the EUROCare researchers and technical staff at INT and ISS are included in the WGs for all papers
- Associations representing National databases are included (e.g. AIRTUM, NICER, ...)
- The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine representatives and Prof. Hermann Brenner are included as experts

3.2 Deadlines for Phase-3 articles

- All Phase-3 articles using EUROCare data and ready for publication should be sent to the EUROCare SECRETARIAT (euocare.secretariat@istitutotumori.mi.it) by the responsible author, and circulated to the EUROCare-5 Network by the secretariat before submission
- The EUROCare-5 Network has a **30-day**-deadline for submitting comments, remarks on the article or requests for changes to the WG

3.3 New Study Protocols for Phase-3 articles

- The responsible authors should send the proposed study protocols to the EUROCare SECRETARIAT (euocare.secretariat@istitutotumori.mi.it) for it to be subject to the Steering Committee consideration and approval.
- The Steering Committee has a **15-day**-deadline for providing comments.