

## SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 2009 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

- The SAB members approve the report. The SAB members congratulate the President, the research Director and the staff for professionalism and progress and achievements towards the objectives.
  - We endorse priority in translational research which has to be a central mission of the INCa. We therefore recommend setting up a specific evaluation process and an attractive career track.
  - We recommend defining the criteria for the centres of excellence (comparable to the comprehensive cancer centres in Europe and North America) and to set a process before opening national call.
  - We recommend reinforcing links with regulatory agencies and to strengthen relationships with existing large cooperative groups and to encourage emergence of new ones to improve efficacy of clinical trials.
  - We encourage INCa to work with the charities dedicated to cancer to leverage funds on strategic research programs.
  - We support three years commitment to fund research projects with an option of additional two years for excellence.
  - We recommend developing a specific strategy for research in prevention involving the core population sciences (including behavioural and social sciences, epidemiology, public health, statistics, economics...).
  - The SAB strongly recommends actions in place to simplify the life sciences landscape.
  - We recommend further international symposia to increase INCa visibility.
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