

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD 2011 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The SAB congratulates Fabien Calvo and his team for achieving so much in such a short time
2. The SAB is very pleased to see that the recommendations discussed at the 2010 meeting have been implemented and specifically the KPI in specific areas (number of patients in clinical trials, molecular portraits)
3. The SAB strongly supports and endorses the SIRIC Initiative. While keeping it highly selective, the SAB recommends an increase in the number of SIRIC sites. We encourage INCa to increase the budget of the SIRIC sites and develop networking of SIRIC sites.
4. We recommend a balance between the SIRIC approach and the cooperative group/investigator-initiated studies
5. INCa should take an active role in promoting training and career development of the next generation of investigators in translational research
6. INCa should foster the development of bioinformatics and medical information processing as well as research in complex systems in collaboration with other research organizations
7. We recommend for review at the next SAB meeting a written strategy for development of a research program in cancer prevention and behavioral changes.

The SAB would welcome a response from Agnès Buzyn and Fabien Calvo to these recommendations.
