

THE SPARC SELECTION ADVISORY GROUP

The SPARC applications will be reviewed by, and Awardees will be determined by the Selection Advisory Group (SAG), consisting of 7 experts from around the world. We are grateful for the participation of our SAG, and encourage you to read their biographies, below. Note that Pfizer has no role in selection; only the Selection Advisory Committee will select applicants.

- **Fatima Cardoso, Portugal, CHAIR**
- **Sanchia Aranda, Australia**
- **Maira Caleffi, Brazil**
- **Ranjit Kaur, Malaysia**
- **Ifeoma Okoye, Nigeria**
- **Elisabeth Andritsch, Austria**
- **Nagi El Saghir, Lebanon**

Fatima Cardoso, Portugal, CHAIR

Dr. Cardoso is the Director of the Breast Unit of the Champalimaud Cancer Clinical in Lisbon, Portugal. Dr. Cardoso earned her medical degree at the University of Porto in Portugal and completed fellowships in the Translational Research Unit of the Jules Bordet Institute (IJB) in Brussels, Belgium, and the Department of Molecular and Cellular Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. She then worked for 10 years as Assistant Professor at the Medical Oncology Clinic of the IJB where she was active in the Translational Research Unit and was responsible for phase II-III trials in breast cancer. She is board certified in medical oncology and internal medicine. She is actively involved in a number of phase I-III breast cancer clinical trials and served as the scientific director of the international research network TRANSBIG for 7 years.



Dr. Cardoso is involved in numerous professional organizations such as ESMO, ECCO, EORTC, ASCO, and AACR where she serves on several committees and is the current EORTC Secretary General and chair-elect of the EORTC-Breast Cancer Group. She is the Breast Cancer Program Coordinator of the European School of Oncology and co-chair of the Advanced Breast Cancer International Consensus Guidelines Conference (ABC).

Dr. Cardoso is editor-in-chief of The Breast Journal, associate editor of the European Journal of Cancer, and an editorial board member of several other journals. Dr. Cardoso has authored over 230 publications and has presented her work nationally and internationally.



Sanchia Aranda, Australia

Professor Aranda is the President-Elect of the Union for International Cancer Control. She has 30 years of experience in cancer control. She has worked as a clinician, educator and researcher, having developed a significant supportive care research programme at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre in Melbourne. She is currently working in a government organisation in a role designed to improve system performance. In this role her responsibilities span data collection, cancer information reporting and system innovation. Professor Aranda is the immediate past President of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care where she fostered developments in international cancer nursing ranging from tobacco control programmes to train the trainer programmes in clinical leadership.



Maira Caleffi, Brazil

Dr. Maira Caleffi is graduated in Pharmacy (1980) and in Medicine in (1981). She completed her residency in Gynecology and Obstetrics in 1983 after which she specialized in Breast Care as a scientist at the Imperial Cancer Research, Guy's Hospital of London in 1987. At the University of London, she completed her doctoral thesis entitled "Breast Cancer in the Elderly Woman" (1991), and at Vanderbilt University (Nashville, USA), she undertook postdoctoral studies in Molecular Biology in the field of Genetics and Breast Cancer (1993). Dr Caleffi is a dedicated breast surgeon developing academic and hospital care work at the Breast Center of Hospital Moinhos de Vento in Porto Alegre, state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. She has been the coordinator since 2003.



Soon after returning to Brazil in 1993, together with a group of health professionals and patients she started a non-profit organization called IMAMA- Breast Institute of the Rio Grande do Sul to improve early breast cancer diagnosis. In 2006, she founded the non-profit FEMAMA – The Brazilian Federation of Philanthropic Breast Health Institutions to influence the formulation of the national public health policy and related fields in order to ensure universality, integrality and equity in breast health attention, in a context of whole health and full rights for Brazilian women.

Dr. Caleffi has been a board member since 2011 of the UICC and is an active member in Latin American Union Against the Women Cancer. She is also a member of The Brazilian Association of Palliative Care; Brazilian Breast Cancer Study Group, and ASCO, and collaborates with many organizations including Susan G Komen for The Cure; Breast Health Global Initiative; The Harvard School of Public Health - Global Task Force on Expanded Access to Cancer Care and Control; American Cancer Society; Global Leadership Forum for Cancer Control; LIVESTRONG; US National Cancer Institute, and the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research.



Ranjit Kaur, Malaysia

Ranjit, a breast cancer survivor since 1998, has a basic qualification in Physiotherapy, and a Master of Science degree in Community Disability Studies (University College London, UK) in 1996.

She is a member of the Board of Management for Reach to Recovery International and a Patient Advocate for the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). Currently she is the President of NCD Alliance Malaysia and Chairman of Together Against Cancer (TAC) Malaysia. She is a member of the review committee for the UICC Asia-Pacific Cancer Society Training Grant (APCASOT). In October 2014, Ranjit was selected to coordinate the ASEAN Experience Exchange for Cancer Patient Organizations which aims to improve access to care and quality of life for individuals with cancer.

She has held the following positions in the past: President of Breast Cancer Welfare Association Malaysia (2002-2011), President of Reach to Recovery International (2003-2007), and Board Member of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) (2006-2010).

Ranjit has received the 2004 Outstanding UICC Volunteer Award and the Terese Lasser Award conferred by Reach To Recovery International in 2011.

Her article on *Cancer - My Personal Account* was published in The Lancet, Issue no. 9472, May 14th 2005, Vol 365, Page 1742.



Ifeoma Okoye, Nigeria

Professor Ifeoma Okoye, who is presently the African observer to the Board of the Union of International Cancer Control (UICC), is also the President and Founder of Breast Without Spot Initiative. She is a Professor of Radiology and Head of Radiation Medicine, Department at the College Of Medicine, University Of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu Campus (UNNEC), and University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital UNTH, Ituku Ozalla. She has been in medical practice for over 30 years and joined the UNTH 20 years ago as a Consultant Radiologist, after becoming a Fellow of The Nigerian Medical College of Radiologists, and Fellow of The West African College of Surgeons.

Within the university and her profession, Prof. Okoye has held several leadership positions including: Member of the Faculty Board Of Radiology of the Nigerian Medical College of Radiologists (1991-present); Examiner at the Postgraduate College Of Nigeria (1995-present); Past Clinical Dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences and Dentistry of the College Of Medicine; Past President, Association of Radiologists of West Africa (2003-2005); and Chair of Department of Radiology, UNTH, for five un-consecutive tenures.

Professor Okoye was a member delegate to the United Nations high level meeting on non-communicable diseases in September 2011 in New York. She is also a member of the "Men of African Descent and Carcinoma of the Prostate" (MADCaP) consortium; Co-director of The Nigerian Bone Marrow Registry (the second of such registry in Africa), and the African Coordinator of Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) from 2007 till date. She is founder and chairman of the Association for Good Clinical Practice in Nigeria [AGCPN], International Cancer Week (ICW) and All Youths Against Cancer (AYAC).





She is an ASHOKA fellow and a recipient of the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative fellowship in recognition of her social entrepreneurship. Prof Okoye has published more than 60 scientific articles, and is the sole and main contributory author of six books and has made over 50 presentations at conferences nationally and internationally.

Elisabeth Andritsch, Austria

Elisabeth Andritsch is Clinical Psychologist, Health Psychologist, Psychotherapist and the head of the Psycho-Oncology Working Group at the Department of Clinical Oncology at the University of Internal Medicine in Graz Austria. She works in national and international committees of different societies of Oncology, Hematology and Psycho-Oncology (Austrian Platform of Psycho-Oncology, International Society of Psycho-Oncology...) in education, training and development of Psycho-Oncology. She was the chairperson of the Austrian Platform of Psycho-Oncology from 2008 until 2012 and is now the vice chair and responsible for representing the Austrian Platform in IPOS.



She has been working in the field of Psycho-Oncology in psychological and psychotherapeutically care of cancer patients and their family members in different care settings for more than 25 years. From the very first of her work in the field of Psycho-Oncology she has been active in research in different subjects: intercultural differences in coping of cancer patients and their families, especially in breast cancer patients, influence of the hospital surrounding on the wellbeing of the cancer patients, quality of life in cancer patients, psycho-neuro-immunology in breast cancer patients, adherence in cancer patients relating to the antiemetic medication, old age and cancer, etc.

She is associate lecturer in the Medical University of Graz in the education of medical students and active in education and advanced training for all health care professionals in Oncology. A large number of lectures and workshops in national and international congresses as well as in support groups of cancer patients complete the wide range of the activities in her role as psycho-oncologist

She was the congress president of the 11th IPOS World Congress in Austria/Vienna in June 2009.

Nagi El Saghir, Lebanon

Dr El Saghir is Clinical Professor of Medicine at the American University of Beirut. A graduate of the Free University of Brussels, Belgium, he also trained at The Brooklyn Hospital of the State University of New York, and at St. Luke's - Roosevelt Hospital Center of Columbia University in New York. He served on the Faculty of Long Island University, State University of New York, King Saud University of Riyadh and Wayne State University of Detroit before joining the American University of Beirut in 1993.



Professor El Saghir has received many awards, including Lebanon President's Medal of Honour for Scientific Achievement (Wissam al-Istihkak), Lebanese Order of Physicians and Lebanese Society of Medical Oncology, League of Lebanese Womens Rights, and Cairo University Hospitals. Professor El Saghir is member of ASCO (American Society of Clinical Oncology) since 1984 and served on and is a member of many ASCO committees and task forces including the International Committee and is ESMO (European Society of Medical Oncology) Regional



representative for the Middle East and member of ESMO Developing Countries Task Force, EORTC Breast Cancer Group, and The Breast Health Global Initiative.

Professor El Saghir is Founding and Past President of the Lebanese Society of Medical Oncology and the Lebanese Society of Internal Medicine and has chaired many scientific Lebanese, Pan-Arab, Regional and International meetings including "Best of ASCO" and is a frequent invited speaker.

His main research interests are breast cancer and wound healing. He is Coordinator of the Breast Tumor Clinic at AUB and Member of the AUBMC Hospital Committee on Cancer. He has published over 40 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals, and lectures on the epidemiology, early detection and management of breast cancer. In addition to serving as a reviewer and member of editorial boards of several international medical journals, Professor El Saghir is Specialty Editor of *The Breast*, International Editor of *Journal of Clinical Oncology (Middle East)* and author of the book *ABC of Breast Diseases* in Arabic, as well as hundreds of articles and press interviews in local and satellite televisions.