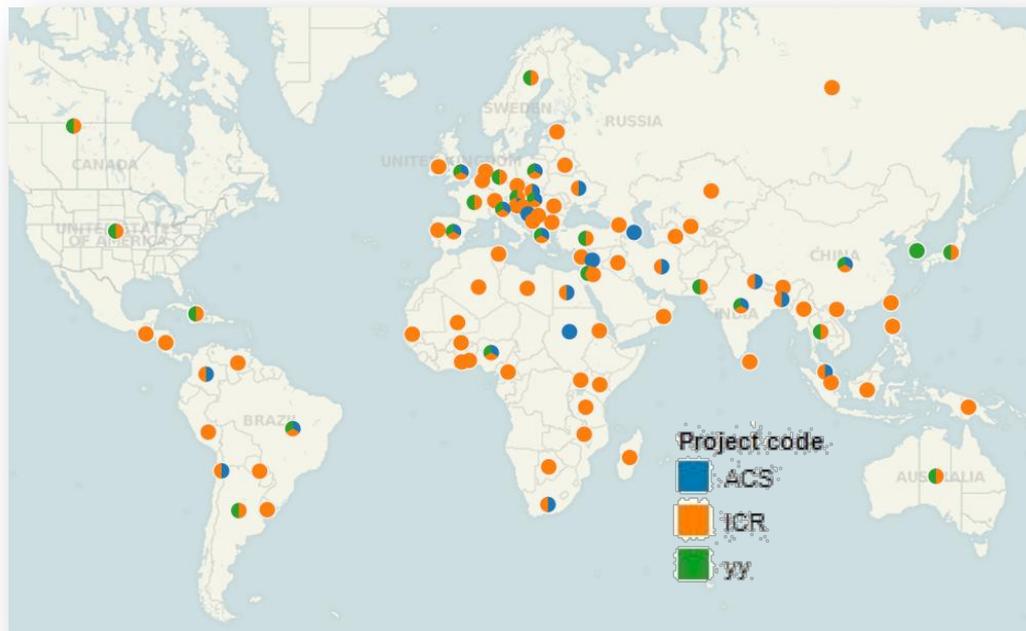




## HISTORY OF UICC FELLOWSHIPS



Home Countries of Fellowships (2007 – 2012)

The International Fellowships are a unique funding mechanism that emphasises the transfer of knowledge from the international host institute to others at the home institute.

This is done by developing the necessary intellectual infrastructure in home countries (since the fellows must return to their home institute), encouraging collaborative interactions to facilitate interdisciplinary basic and applied cancer research, and establishing a network of researchers and translational scientists for rapid dissemination of new knowledge and technology in developing and sharing of best practices.

The first Fellowships committee was set-up during the Eighth World Cancer Congress in 1962, held in Moscow under the Chairmanship of Dr. N.N. Blokhin, President of the Academy of Medicine of the USSR. The first Chair of the Fellowships Committee was Dr. W.U. Gardner.



In 1975, the Japan National Committee for UICC (UICC-Japan) launched the UICC Yamagiwa-Yoshida Memorial International Cancer Study Grants (Y-Y Grant). UICC-Japan got financial support for this activity from Olympus Co. (1982-1994) and then, in part, from Kyowa Hakko-Kirin Co. and Toray Ind. until 2010.

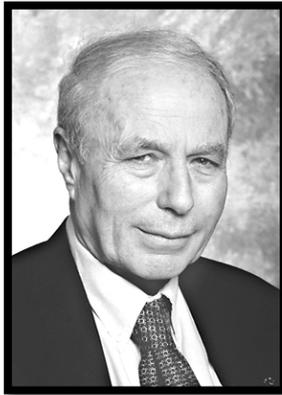
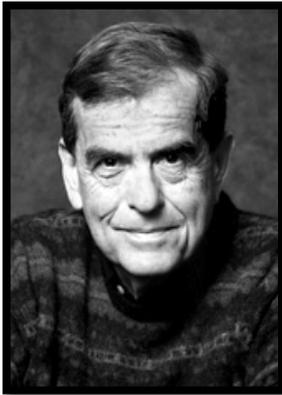


Dr. Katsusaburo Yamagiwa and Dr. Tomizo Yoshida, two prominent pathologists who gave their name to the YY fellowship

The International Cancer Research Technology Transfer Fellowships (ICRETT), supported by UICC member organizations and the National Cancer Institute (USA) were launched in June 1976 to promote direct and quick transfer of information about new or improved techniques between investigators in different countries.

The initiative can proudly account for having supported over 6,000 researchers and cancer control professionals worldwide.

The goals of the fellowship program include not only developing future leaders in cancer research around the world, but also facilitating a global effort in cancer prevention and control, as well as encouraging collaborative interactions to establish a network of researchers and scientists for rapid dissemination of new knowledge and technology.



Amongst the fellowships awarded, are two 2004 Nobel Prize for Chemistry winners; Dr Aaron Ciechanover, who received the ACS Fellowship in 1988 and Dr Avram Hershko, who received both an ACS Fellowship in 1996 and a UICC Yamagiwa-Yoshida Memorial Cancer Study Grant in 2000.

Dr Harald Zur Hausen, the 2008 Nobel Prize for Medicine winner is also a fellowships applications reviewer since 1999.

These fellowships would not be able to maintain their quality if it was not for the international panel of expert reviewers. These volunteers who are internationally recognised experts in their field of expertise help to assess the relative merits of the many worthy applications for UICC Fellowships. Close to 600 international experts contribute yearly their voluntary time to review applications. Home and host organizations also have an important role to play in supporting cancer control professionals and allowing for high quality transfers of skills and knowledge.