

The goal of the workshop was to share information regarding tobacco control activities in Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the United States with the aim of developing an agenda for collaborative research on the island of Ireland. Approximately 40 cancer professionals attended a one-day workshop with a smaller subset remaining for a second day of strategic planning.

Summer Prevention Courses at NCI

Twenty-six island of Ireland scientists, nurses, and physicians attended the summer prevention programme at NCI—seventeen from Ireland and nine from Northern Ireland. Five of the twenty-six participated in both five-week courses. Evaluations from the HRB and R&D Office revealed that the summer scholar exchange was successful, so the Prevention Working Group plans to proceed with the programme in the summer of 2004.

SCHOLAR EXCHANGE

The Scholar Exchange Workgroup focuses on increasing the number of skilled cancer professionals on the island of Ireland by providing opportunities for scholars to immerse themselves in the cancer programmes of partnering institutions. Scholar exchange continues to be a key programme area of the Consortium; however, it does not operate independent of the other Working Groups but rather as an integral part of them. Throughout this year, numerous scholar exchanges, ranging from clinical trials training for nurses to epidemiology fellowships, were facilitated by Consortium efforts.