

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2008

JANUARY

- Health Research Board (HRB)/National Cancer Institute (NCI) Health Economics Fellowships in Cancer Program officially launched.

MARCH

- All-Ireland nursing delegation, including Chief Nursing Officers (CNOs) of Ireland and Northern Ireland, visited the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland, United States (U.S.) under the auspices of the Consortium.
- Five principle investigators (PIs) selected to the Joint Research Projects in Cancer (JRPC).

APRIL

- Seventh *Cancer Consortium* newsletter published.

MAY

- Cancer 2008, the 6th International Cancer Conference of St. James's Hospital, was co-sponsored by the NCI and held in Dublin.
- Queen's University Belfast (QUB) Clinical Trials E-learning Module for Nurses completed by thirteen Irish nurses.

JUNE

- First two Irish scholars selected to the HRB/NCI Health Economics Fellowships in Cancer Program.

JULY

- Nine island of Ireland scholars participated in NCI's Principles and Practice of Cancer Prevention and Control Course.

AUGUST

- Fifteen island of Ireland scholars participated in NCI's Molecular Prevention Course.
- TELESYNERGY® system installed at Beaumont Hospital in Dublin.

OCTOBER

- One Irish scholar selected to the NCI Cancer Prevention Fellowship Program (CPFP).

NOVEMBER

- Seventh Activities Report, *Building Blocks of Success in Cancer Control: Partnership, Education, and Research*, published.
- Nine-year Consortium Timeline published.
- The 4th All-Ireland Cancer Conference (AICC), sponsored by the Consortium, was held in Dublin and followed by a mini-symposium hosted by the Irish Association for Cancer Research (IACR) and a Cancer Genomics MasterClass sponsored by Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and St. James's Hospital.

DECEMBER

- Dr. Tony Holohan appointed as Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Ireland and joined Consortium Board of Directors (BOD), succeeding Dr. James Kiely.