

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the AIDIT and IMPACT Meeting, an exciting opportunity to learn of recent advances in the field of prostate cancer genetics. We hope to strengthen ties within our current research collaboration, to welcome new teams, and to address some of the issues that face those conducting clinical and molecular research in prostate cancer internationally.



Thanks to funding received through the European Commission Framework 6 Programme, the AIDIT project has allowed us to broaden our network to include more research teams within the associated candidate countries and new member states of the EU. I look forward to meeting these new colleagues, whose knowledge and perspectives will contribute to the innovative, collaborative and exciting work that IMPACT aims to pursue.

I would like to thank Professor Lubinski, Karolina, and our hosts here in Poland. I hope you have a wonderful meeting and look forward to meeting you all over the coming days.

Dr Rosalind A Eeles

IMPACT Chief Investigator



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of myself and my team at the International Hereditary Cancer Center, I welcome you to the city of Szczecin and to Poland. A project such as IMPACT requires a multidisciplinary collaboration and I am delighted that so many of you, from different backgrounds and specialties, are coming to contribute to what we hope will be a stimulating three days, both scientifically and socially. The conference programme involves the opportunity to hear from leading experts in the field of cancer genetics, but also to discuss the challenges that face us in establishing IMPACT in our individual countries and centers.

I hope you enjoy your time in Szczecin and look forward to the new collaborations that will result from the meeting.

Prof Jan Lubinski

Head, International Hereditary Cancer Center, Szczecin, Poland
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I would like to thank you for your attendance at this AIDIT and IMPACT meeting, and would like to extend a particular welcome to those who are new to the collaboration. As you are aware, the AIDIT project is an initiative that has aimed to welcome research teams from the associated candidate countries and new member states of the European Union into our international team. As representatives of countries with diverse health and research models, we all have unique and valuable experience to bring to the IMPACT team, and I believe this conference offers a wonderful opportunity to share our knowledge and strengthen our ties with teams across the world.

I hope you will all enjoy the company of your current, and new, colleagues over the next three days, and that this meeting will result in fruitful collaboration over the coming years.



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