



INTERNATIONAL  
GYNECOLOGIC  
CANCER SOCIETY



## **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made and entered as of November 6, 2023, by and between the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) located at P.O. Box 170645, Austin, Texas 78717, and the American Eurasian Cancer Alliance (AECA) located at 1800 Orleans Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21287.

WHEREAS, the IGCS is a not-for-profit organization whose aim is to improve the outcomes for women with gynecologic cancer principally by teaching and training endeavors that include but are not limited to a global mentorship and training curriculum, web-based education materials, and international scientific meetings. With over 4,000 members from more than 115 low-, middle-, and high-resource countries, IGCS works to unite the globe in the fight against gynecologic cancer, improving women’s health care options, survival, and survivorship everywhere.

WHEREAS, the AECA is an organization which accelerates the development of international cancer partnerships, with a regional focus on the Balkan Peninsula, Central Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Caucasus. AECA’s mission is to pool the intellectual and scientific resources of member institutions to further research and discovery in cancer prevention, treatment strategies, and palliative care.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this MOU is to set out a framework for a strategic partnership between AECA and IGCS that provides benefit to gynecologic cancer patients and survivors. Both parties wish to make available certain relationships and programs to further strengthen our networks, to correspond, and to share ideas through regular communications and meetings.

### **The Partnership Objective**

Both AECA and IGCS are committed to improving the survival and quality of life for women with gynecologic cancers throughout Eurasia and worldwide. The objective of this partnership is to collaborate on educational, research, and policy-related activities which will extend the reach of our organizations.

### **The Scope of the MOU**

This MOU covers activities mutually agreed upon and will state the specific roles and responsibilities in relation to each activity, including reporting framework and expected duration as part of Exhibit A to this MOU. It will be made clear whether the activity is led by one organization and supported by the other or is a truly joint activity. As needed and at least annually, Exhibit A will be reviewed and updated jointly.

**Financial Responsibilities**

Neither organization bears any financial responsibility without the approval of the other party. Should the partnership apply for any joint funding, all applications must be signed off by both organizations at the highest level.

**Communications**

The IGCS-AECA will agree to key messages that describe the partnership, its purpose, and objectives. These key messages will be approved by both organizations and will be used consistently by both organizations in public, among members, and for media coverage, for example, in presentations, meetings, and press releases. Any communications relating to joint work not covered by the agreed-on key messages must be jointly approved.

**Term**

This MOU will be valid upon the time of all organizational signatures and expire December 31, 2025.

**Organizational Signatures**

International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS):

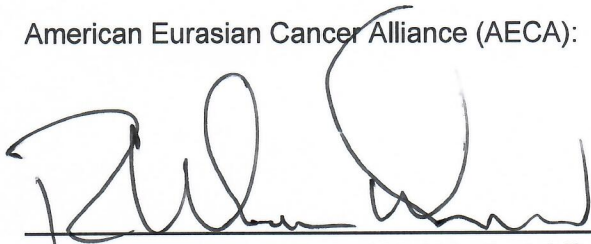


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Keiichi Fujiwara, MD, PhD, President

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American Eurasian Cancer Alliance (AECA):



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R. Wendel Naumann, MD, Chief Medical Officer  
*on behalf of*  
Sophia Michaelson, PhD, Executive Director

06 Nov 2023

Date

## **Exhibit A—Joint Projects**

The following are projects to be jointly executed by both parties. Each project will be governed by a detailed separate agreement.

### **1. IGCS-AECA Partnership**

- a. Lead Organization: Both
- b. Summary: To combine efforts in the fight against gynecologic cancers and to improve the survival and survivorship of women gynecologic cancers in Eurasia, IGCS and AECA are partnering on projects and initiatives within gynecological research, education, and policy frameworks. AECA will also provide executive guidance on IGCS Strategic Partner activities in the Balkan Peninsula, Central Asian, Central and Eastern European, and the Caucasus regions.

### **2. Communications and Messaging**

- a. Lead Organization: Both
- b. Summary: AECA and IGCS will develop and agree on key messages that define their partnership, its purpose, objectives, and joint projects. All partnership-related messaging will be approved by both parties and used consistently, and a regular communications schedule will be developed.

### **3. IGCS Global Meetings/AECA Meetings**

- a. Lead Organization: Lead will be determined by meeting
- b. Summary: To enhance the opportunities engage more individuals from the cancer control community in the fight against gynecologic cancers, each organization will be integrated into the programming of the other's meetings as detailed in separate agreements. For example, AECA will be deeply involved in various Eurasia-focused activities surrounding the 2023 IGCS Global Meeting in South Korea.