

Board Report to the first General Assembly of TACT

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The TACT mission

- An international non-profit umbrella organisation for academic research groups from around the world, dedicated to facilitating thoracic oncology research
 - Established 6 September 2015 at Denver WCLC
 - Legal entity: Lung Foundation Australia
 - Secretariat: Brisbane, QLD Australia
 - Dr Ros Wilson – Research Development Officer



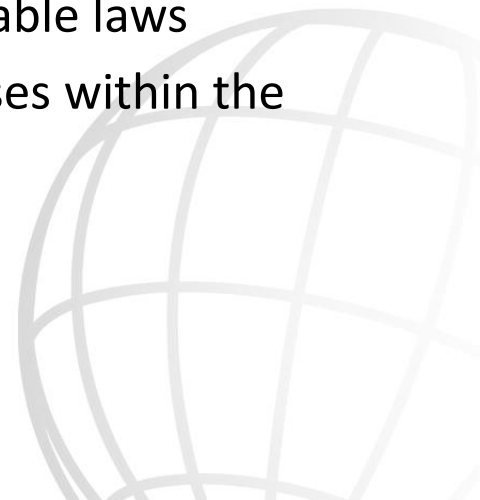
Aims

- Facilitate and promote international research collaboration in thoracic cancer
- Provide a platform to conduct clinical trials requiring multiple groups
- Combine resources and expertise to conduct research more efficiently and reduce duplication of effort
- Allow trials to recruit more quickly
- Establish clinical and translational research priorities



Operating principles

- Mutual respect and equity for individuals, cultures and nations
- A strong sense of common purpose
- Providing new opportunities for all members; not replicating an existing group
- Facilitating, supporting and serving as a mechanism to advance the intellectual contributions of individuals and member groups
- Independence from the pharmaceutical/ biotechnology industry, even if trials are industry-sponsored
- Adherence to Good Clinical Practice guidelines and applicable laws
- An agreed set of rules to support fair and efficient processes within the group

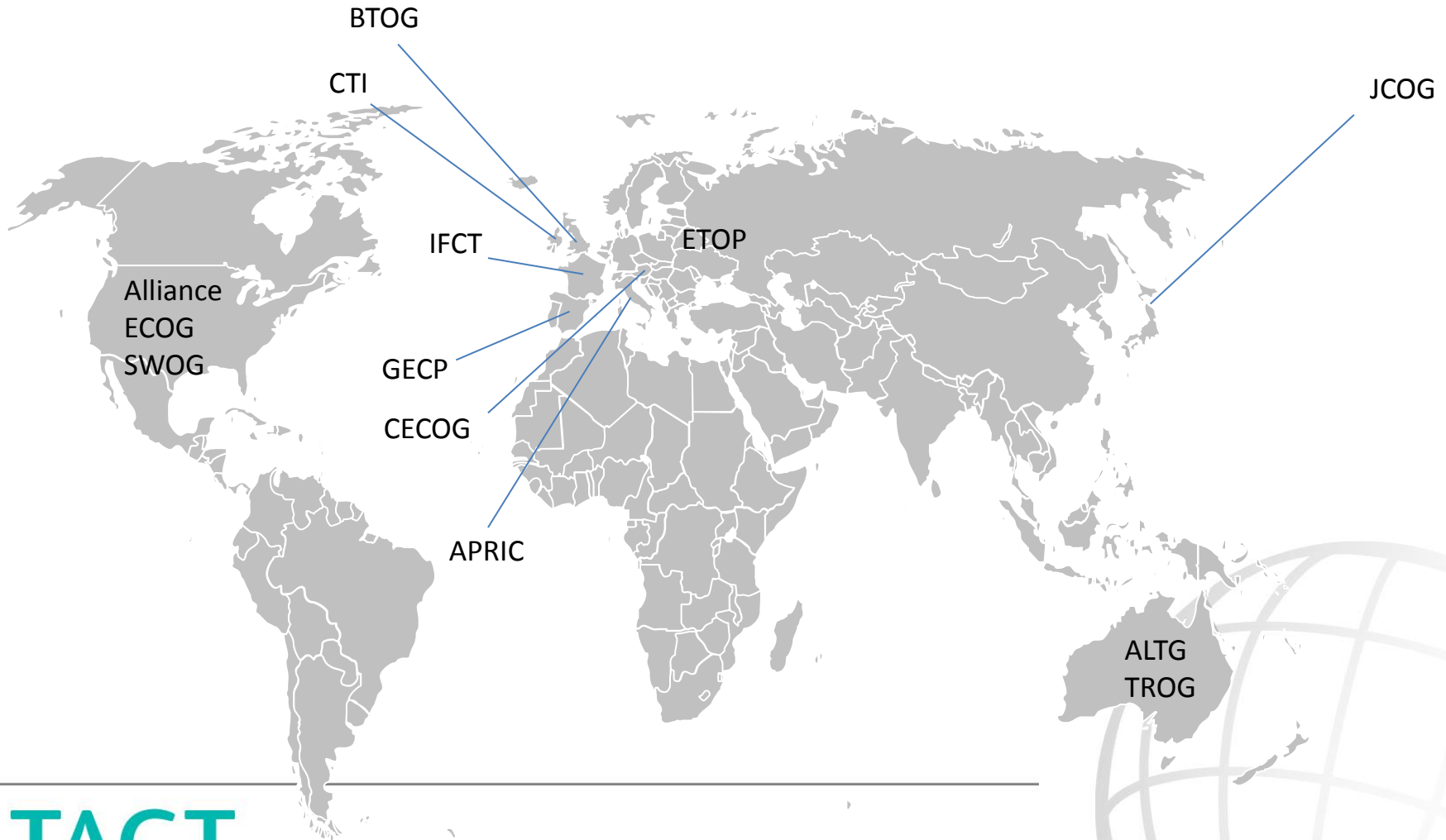


Activities

- Build on existing international relationships
- Develop and conduct trials which require large numbers of patients and/or where accrual is difficult
 - Including multi-modality therapy and rare thoracic malignancies or subtypes
- Conduct translational research
- Collaborate with other scientific networks
- Develop models of collaboration with the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry that preserve scientific independence
- Promote other academic thoracic oncology activities



Member Groups



Industry Partners



Bristol-Myers Squibb



Initiatives

- Ongoing discussions with other international cancer trials groups
 - BIG (Breast International Group)
 - GCIG (Gynecologic Cancer InterGroup)
- Meetings with global pharmaceutical companies
 - Information about TACT
 - Trial opportunities
 - Knowledge about running global trials
 - Build partnerships
- TACT policies and procedures
- Trial proposal procedures
 - Proposal sent to secretariat
 - Discussed by board (disease sub-committees)
 - Put to General Assembly
- An early focus on operational harmonisation – GCP, indemnity, consent, documentation, databases, data collection, data analysis
- Interaction & dialogue with other international lung cancer groups
 - IASLC
 - Lung Cancer Nurses Group (ITONF)

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