

# 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



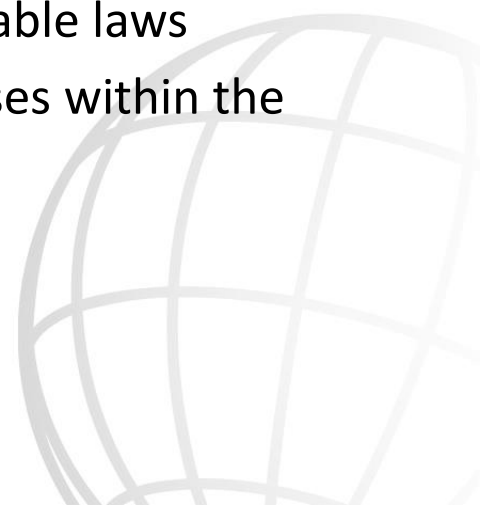
# Aims

- 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

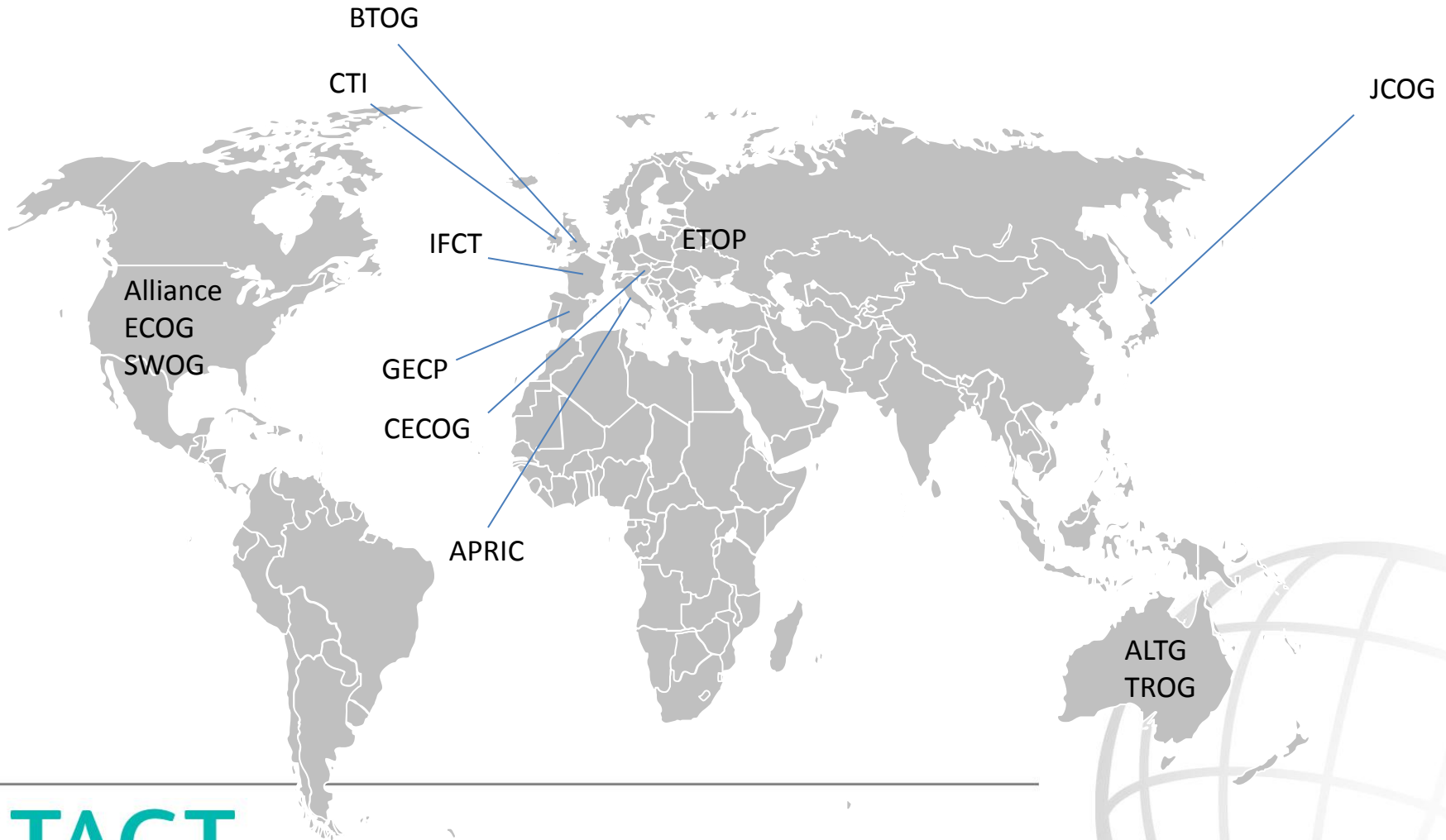


# Activities

- 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



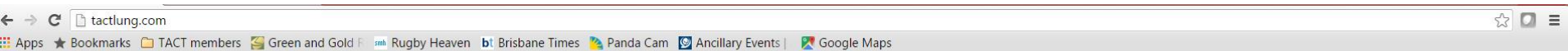
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# Initiatives

- 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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## Thoracic Alliance for Cancer Trials

TACT is an international non-profit collaboration of groups dedicated to thoracic oncology clinical research. Our worldwide network helps researchers navigate an increasingly complex landscape as understanding of lung cancer and new treatment approaches evolve.

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### Welcome

### Enquiries

Welcome to the website of TACT, the Thoracic Alliance for Cancer Trials. TACT is a unique opportunity to improve outcomes for patients with thoracic malignancy by facilitating clinical research through a truly global network, harmonisation of governance and operations and fostering a genuine collaboration among groups and with external partners. TACT was established in September 2015 at the 16th World Conference on Lung Cancer in Denver, Colorado as an international non-profit umbrella organisation for worldwide academic groups who are dedicated to thoracic oncology research. With our global reach, TACT is ideally positioned to navigate the increasingly complex landscape of lung cancer diagnosis and novel treatment approaches by enabling lung cancer researchers worldwide to work together on joint projects and clinical trials.

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