## WELCOME

The European Association for Cancer Research was established in 1968 and we celebrate our 40th Anniversary here in Lyon as an organisation that has now grown to over 7,000 members.

This is our twentieth biennial congress and we are delighted to bring together the best work done by so many of our members and guests. As Chairman of the Scientific Programme Committee, I have been privileged to work with a team of colleagues who have given generously of their time to shape a programme that reflects recent important developments and the potential for further exciting progress.

I am delighted that you have joined us here in Lyon and I am sure that you will find much to engage you, inform and inspire across the range of symposia, keynote and educational lectures. I also hope you will have many opportunities for more informal discussions with colleagues during the conference.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation and support of this meeting, a meeting that I am sure will be remembered for the quality and relevance of its contribution to our essential work.

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