The Second TRANSCAN-2 Scientific Symposium, organized by the Chief Scientist Office of Israeli Ministry of Health in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Italy and the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia, took place in Madrid on 13th September 2017.

The Symposium focused on the scientific results obtained so far by 15 of the projects funded under TRANSCAN Joint Transnational Calls 2012 (on the topic: “Translational research on primary and secondary prevention of cancer”) and 2013 (on the topic: “Translational research on tertiary prevention in cancer patients”).

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The Symposium aimed at evaluating the progress of these projects and at discussing the issues that the coordinators of the funded consortia faced.

The Symposium brought together the projects coordinators as well as young scientists participating with poster presentations. Some of the members of the TRANSCAN-2 Scientific Advisory Board and outstanding experts in the field of cancer prevention, some of whom also took part in the peer review and selection process of the projects submitted to the calls, were invited to participate and contribute to the discussion. The representatives of the funding organizations who participated in the call preparation, implementation and in the project funding also attended.

The keynote lecture “The necessary balance between cancer prevention and therapeutics” was presented by Prof. Ulrik Ringborg from the Karolinska Institute, Sweden.
This event was the first opportunity for the project coordinators to meet the representatives of the funding organizations. During this meeting, the coordinators were able to express themselves in a non-scrutinizing environment on the process of implementing their project and working in a consortium funded by TRANSCAN. This face-to-face meeting allowed both sides to better understand the processes that might hinder the excellent science conducted. A number of issues were raised and discussed by the project coordinators and experts, which are relevant for the successful outcome of the project.

Overall the setting up, support and implementation of transnational research projects have been considered a worth effort for the added value offered by the cooperation between research teams and the sharing of resources across Europe and beyond.

The Third and Final TRANSCAN-2 Scientific Symposium will be held in September 2019. More information to be announced.