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The Globalisation of Cancer
A lecture by Professor Peter Boyle, President of the International Prevention Research Institute

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Professor Peter Boyle is the President of the International Prevention Research Institute in Lyon. This appointment follows immediately on his tenure as Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC/WHO) from 2004 to 2008 in Lyon, France. From 1991–2004 he was Director of the Division of Epidemiology and Bio statistics at the Institute of Oncology in Milan.

Before this Professor Boyle held a number of appointments with Glasgow University Department of Medicine, the West of Scotland Cancer Surveillance Unit, Harvard School of Public Health and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC/WHO).

His research interests lie mainly in disease prevention and translational research in its broadest meaning, covering the spectrum from translating cutting-edge scientific discovery into new approaches to cancer treatment to translating information about cancer risk factors into changes in behaviour. He has published widely on different cancers, notably breast, colorectal, pancreas, prostate and oral cavity, as well as on benign urological conditions. He led the EUROCAN PLUS project which developed priorities for coordination of cancer research in Europe and was Editor of the World Cancer Report 2008, which highlighted the growing global cancer crisis.

Professor Boyle has previously been Director of the World Health Organisation Collaborating Centre for Chronic Disease Epidemiology and a Member of the European Cancer Advisory Board. In this latter role he was scientific adviser to the European Commission on the European Tobacco Contents Directive, which was voted into law in 2003. He was also responsible for two revisions of the European Code Against Cancer.

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