



## ILCA Announces Partnership with AHPBCC

**Brussels, Belgium** – The International Liver Cancer Association (ILCA), the only international organization devoted exclusively to liver cancer research for experts from all related disciplines, is pleased to announce its partnership with the Africa HepatoPancreatoBiliary Cancer Consortium (AHPBCC). Through this partnership, ILCA will provide expertise and assistance to the AHPBCC and its members in two critical areas: **(1) Education** and **(2) Mentorship**.

**Education** - ILCA has a long history of organizing and executing educational offerings and networks. This expertise, partnered with the on-the-ground knowledge of our Africa based AHPBCC investigators, will ensure that quality education offerings are available to early career HepatoPancreatoBiliary cancer researchers regardless of geographical location or access to travel funding.

**Mentorship** – ILCA has committed to assist the AHPBCC in the development of a Mentoring Guide and matching early/mid-career investigators to established investigators within the ILCA network. This program will encourage experienced professionals with extensive knowledge in applying for international research funding to guide early and mid-career investigators based in Africa.

Liver, pancreas, and biliary tract cancers are largely under investigated in Africa. Diagnostics and treatment for these cancers are also underresourced in Africa. This partnership will ensure that Africa based investigators and clinicians have the most current information and access to funding opportunities, thus improving patient outcomes.

### About ILCA:

ILCA's mission is to lead a global community of physicians, scientists and allied professionals through education and research with the goal to better prevent and treat liver cancer. The ILCA community currently includes around 300 members from 30 countries, as well as numerous supporters who contribute to and participate in the ILCA Annual Conferences and other ILCA initiatives. Our members represent a variety of disciplines — epidemiology, gastroenterology, hepatology, internal medicine, molecular biology, pathology, diagnostic and interventional radiology, and surgery. ILCA members are expert liver cancer professionals who support our organization's aim to increase the understanding of liver cancer and develop treatments that offer true hope for patients affected by the disease.

### About AHPBCC:

Established in 2020, the AHPBCC's mission is to develop and support collaborations between member groups, identify factors that influence the epidemiology, etiology, pathobiology, and prognosis of liver, pancreatic, and biliary tract cancers, and encourage the free exchange of research results and ideas in a collegial environment. The AHPBCC's primary objective is to expand the overall knowledge of these cancers by fostering collaborations between researchers in different countries, providing a framework for the efficient conduct and publication of original pooled analyses, providing a forum and framework for discussion, development and pursuit of new research directions, and supporting the development of early career researchers.

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