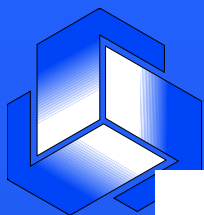


EORTC Quality of Life Group

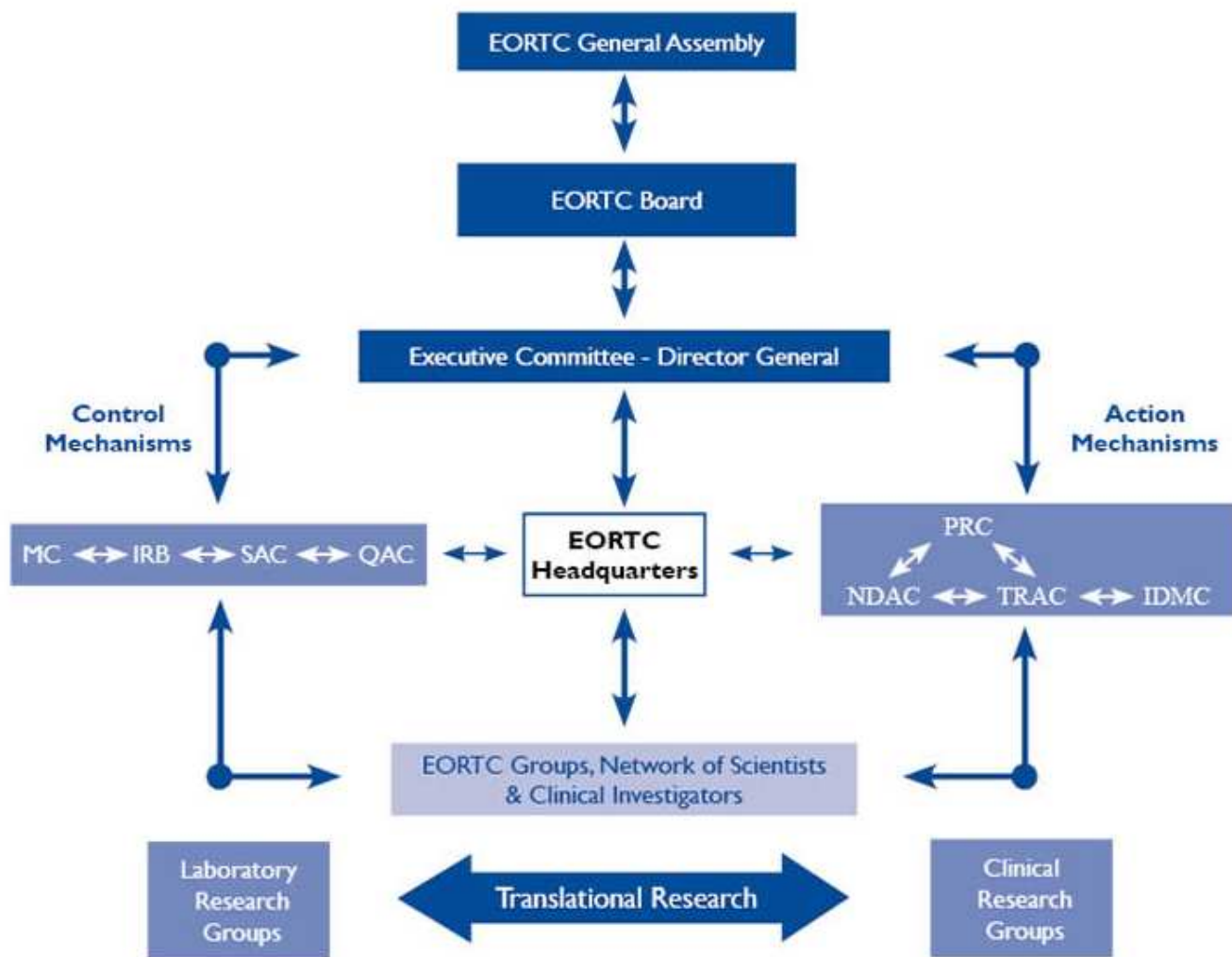
- Aim – to develop measures for quality of life outcomes and support their use in clinical trials
- Created in 1980 as one of the EORTC co-operative groups
- Clinicians and researchers: Oncologists, surgeons, psychologists, nurses, statisticians, social scientists, many PhD students
- From 15 European countries, Canada, Australia, USA, Taiwan, Brazil
- 61 members, over 100 corresponding members (March 2011)

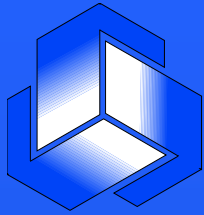
EORTC Quality of Life Department

- ◆ supports administratively the Group activities;
- ◆ direct support for QOL studies in EORTC trials
- ◆ Research projects from external grants



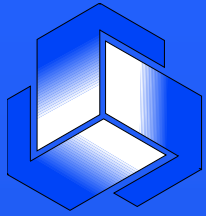
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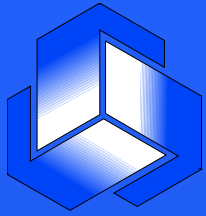
EORTC Quality of Life Group Activities

- **Core questionnaire EORTC QLQ-C30 (1993)**
- **Many supplementary modules**
 - ◆ 15 validated modules
 - ◆ 6 in validation
 - ◆ 10 completed development
- **Rigorous translations in over 70 languages and growing**
- **Item Bank of all items and their translations**
- **First to develop guidelines on Module development and Translations of questionnaires**
- **Our instruments are widely used in clinical trials**
 - ◆ 172 publications in the last year on PubMed on EORTC QLQ-C30 search



SAC review QUALITY OF LIFE GROUP

- Edited slide from Ian Tannock (Chair of SAC), presented at the EORTC General Assembly
- ***“Group is stable and productive***
- ***The QLQ-C30 represents the greatest international influence of the EORTC – used worldwide in clinical trials and translated into multiple languages***
- ***Continued development and validation of questionnaires, cross cultural studies, increasing computerization for routine use, and survivorship studies are all appropriate”***



EORTC Quality of Life Group Activities

- **Continuing active research**
 - 14 grant applications in 2009
 - 15 grant applications in 2010
- **Expanding areas of research**
 - Cross-cultural research
 - Computer Adaptive Testing
 - Electronic applications of QOL questionnaires
 - Quality of life measurement in routine oncology practice
- **We are good friends and enjoy the meetings both scientifically and socially!**