

Terms of Reference

Role of the Scientific Advisory Board for *Large-scale retrospective research of risk of oncological disease caused by occupational exposure to chrysotile asbestos containing dust*

The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) is an independent group of senior scientists, with expertise in at least one of the following areas:

1. Exposure assessment of asbestos
2. Epidemiology of asbestos and cancer incidence and mortality
3. General epidemiological and analytical methodology.

SAB members are selected from institutions external to those represented by the study team.

The role of the SAB is to:

1. Monitor study progress which will be summarized at annual meetings, in annual reports, and work plans of upcoming years.
2. Before their submission to journals, review manuscripts that include results from the study; for these manuscripts, SAB members cannot be co-authors but their contribution will be mentioned in the Acknowledgements. Two weeks will be provided for the review. SAB members will be able to co-author manuscripts indirectly related to the study, for instance on methodology or reviews including this study among others.
3. Respond to requests for advice/guidance from the study group throughout the conduct of the study.
4. Attend (pending availability) annual meetings of the study group. This includes one site visit to Asbest during the conduct of the study, if desired by the SAB member.
5. Submit a short report (in writing) annually regarding the study progress as well as concerns or questions to the Directors of the Federal State Budgetary Institution "Scientific Research Institute of Occupational Health" of the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow, Russia and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), Lyon, France. The report would be due four weeks after receipt of the annual progress report and length and format are variable depending on the SAB's wish to comment. Implementation of advice is on the discretion of the Directors.

SAB members are to provide the IARC declaration of interest form.