The KickCancer Foundation sent a team of 12 adolescents and young adults who survived cancer to participate in the soccer tournament the Winners’ Cup, which gathered 6 European and 10 Italian teams.

In 2019, Inter Milan, the famous soccer team where Radja Nainggolan plays, organised for the first time a soccer tournament thanks to the financial support from its main sponsor, Pirelli. The tournament was organised with the aim to shed light on the specific needs of adolescents and young adults who survived cancer would compete against each other.

The first two editions of this tournament were disputed by Italian teams only. The third one opened its doors to European with six teams (Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Spain and The Netherlands) and 10 Italian ones. The players had to be cancer survivors, born between 1998 and 2004 and in treatment or with a treatment completed no more than five years ago.

Under KickCancer’s supervision, twelve young adults, recruited from the University Children’s hospital of Queen Fabiola and from Saint-Luc, defended the colours of Belgium. Before the tournament, they benefited from a few weekly practice sessions and received a sport gear from a sponsor Pirelli: teams of adolescents and young adults who survived cancer would compete against each other.

We could unveil the results of the tournament, but that would be missing the point.

The tournament was organised in the ad to shed a light on the specific needs of adolescents and young adults with cancer (15 to 24 years). The care facilities are not specialised in paediatric tumours. Once he or she is stuck between two age groups (infancy and adults). They are also sometimes monitored in units which are intended for children or in units which are intended for adults.

Those are the reasons why KickCancer decided to send a team to Italy to defend the colours of Belgium. Childhood cancer does not stop at the age of 18!

Supporting KickCancer day by day...

KickCancer has been supported by many of you all year long. It is a great gift for us; we benefit from your financial support of course, but you also provide us with access to your network and visibility and have the opportunity to advertise specific issues about paediatric cancers to your friends, family and colleagues.

For instance, companies organised awareness lunches with their employees. Birthday boys or phylorn gifts and asked to finance research instead. Brave people made great resolutions and ran the 20km, triathlon or a car rally under our banner. People also choose to honour the memory of loved ones who passed away by soliciting donations for our benefit.

Thank you, thankyou, thank you to all of you... Rikke Benouk, Lucio’s family and friends and Musso, who ran the 20km of Brussels, the parents of Maxime and Kassiopée, the families of Albert, Paul-Henri and Jean-Louis, Guy who celebrated his 40th birthday, Gautier who walked to Santiago of Compostela... and all the names we cannot mention here. Your commitment to our cause gives us that extra motivation each and every day.

Interested in doing this as well?

It is as easy as creating a fundraising page and sharing the link with everyone who may want to support you. www.runtokick.org

If some of your friends, relatives or colleagues prefer to make a wire transfer (for example because they do not like to donate online), contact us (info@kickcancer.org) and we can provide you with an “action code”.

This underlines the importance of collaborations between adult and paediatric oncology wards, in order to ensure that these young patients have access to the best treat-

ments and have their specific psychosocial needs prop-

erly taken care of.

To cure more cancers and to improve the quality of life of survivors, we must not only ensure that new treat-

ments are developed we must also create infrastructures allowing patients of all ages to be treated according to their needs, in a bed of their size and attended by a doc-

tor specialised in their pathology. These infrastructures must also allow these patients to meet their peers with whom they will share their experiences.

Run to Kick 2019!

KickCancer is organising a 2019 RUN TO KICK edition that will shortly thereafter become a classic. It is as easy as creating a fundraising page and sharing the link with everyone who may want to support you. www.runtokick.org

The tournament was organised for the first time in Belgium at a soccer tournament

Stand in the starting blocks and register immediately why what? It is not the fastest runner who steps on the podium, it is the one who raises the most funds! It is a ONCE IN A LIFETIME opportunity to steal the podium from a mara-

thon runner!

To participate in the soccer tournament the Winners’ Cup, which gathered 6 European and 10 Italian teams, you have to以下几个 steps.

Step 1: Register:

You can register as a participant or as a supporter of the event. You can choose to participate alone, with friends or as a team. There are three categories: individual, team and family.

Step 2: Fundraising:

As a supporter of the event, you can choose to either participate or support another participant. You can choose to donate directly or via the platform of your choice.

Step 3: Promotional Materials:

You will receive promotional materials that you can use for your fundraising campaign.

Step 4: Training and Race Day:

You will receive training materials and tips to prepare for the race. On the day of the race, you will receive a running kit with the official race number and finishing medal.

Step 5: Post-Race:

You will receive a certificate of participation and a thank you letter from the KickCancer Foundation. Your support will help us continue our mission to fight childhood cancer.

For more information, please visit www.kickcancer.org

To make a donation

Foundation for Research – KickCancer

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Contact us: info@kickcancer.org

All donations from 40 € or more are tax deductible in Belgium.

The Foundation accepts dual legacies and can help you donate from the UK, USA or Canada. You can also contact us to set up a monthly donation.

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Summer News
A few key metrics

1 dream ambassador
2 research projects in the making about to be finalised
4 articles in the newspapers, 3 radio shows and 8 online articles
8 people contributing to KickCancer’s success as employers, freelancers or volunteers
Participation in 4 international conferences on research or the access improvement to treatments

Our research projects

European call for projects: 600,000 Euros in 2019

KickCancer’s strategy has always been to foster a European ambition for research in paediatric oncology.

Today, research is often funded at a national level or through research networks. When charities fundraise, they are looking for projects on their own and have then reviewed either by an abusive scientific committee or through an ad hoc peer review process. Some greater calls for projects are organised, but then, again, they are often aimed at national projects.

We want to do better. We indeed believe that the most promising projects, whether they originate from, should be selected and financed.

We also want to encourage collaboration among the biggest academic laboratories, companies, non-profit organisations, innovative projects from smaller research teams...

This is why we have saved some of the funds that we have raised in the last few years in order to be able to launch the first open European call for research projects. For the moment, it is a success, as the first batch of responses, at the end of the first phase, will end by the end of 2019- early 2020 and bring new useful documents about the treatment of patients.

Long-term development: KickCancer’s objective is to launch other call for projects to finance up to 50 projects. The expansion will provide structural and coordinated support to Belgian academic institutions in the establishment and funding of their clinical trials. The underlying vision is one of course, above all to improve the therapeutic offer for children with cancer in Belgium.

Updates on our ongoing projects

A clinical trial for solid tumours

The innovative clinical trial is testing the combination of three standard oncologic chemotherapies with a “check point inhibitor” of the anti PD1/PD-L1 type. This test allows children to benefit from immunotherapy.

The clinical trial is now open in four paediatric units in Belgium, where three patients were enrolled. The study will open soon in Belgium as the first administrative authorisations have been scientifically granted.

Next steps: the study is structured in two phases. The first phase is expected to be over by the end of 2019- early 2020 and bring its first batch of responses. At the end of the first phase, another report (December 2019 – February 2020) will be carried out, and the first final results of the trial will be available in the first quarter of 2024, five years after its opening, to allow two years of complete follow-up of the last patient admitted to the study.

A project to improve our understanding of the mechanism of High-risk Sarcoid

In case of inefficiency of standard “front line” treatments, the orientation towards new therapeutic approaches and the development of new mechanisms for resistance to the treatments, must be based on in-depth analyses of the interactions between the patients and their environment.

This project will provide a better understanding of the development of Sarcoidosis and its clinical presentation and allow a comprehensive molecular diagnostic analysis performed on tissues and adolescents. The researcher will perform high-throughput sequencing performed diagnostically but also in several patients treated.

Once it obtained the required administrative approvals in 2017 and early 2018, the project started recruiting patients in the first three centres (Institut Curie, Gustave Roussy and Necker-Enfants Malades). We are now working on France. 88 patients have been included to date and 47 patients are still included in the study. The first analyses have now been completed and are currently under interpretation.

Participation in international conferences

KickCancer cannot seriously aim at funding research without attending the scientific fora where research projects are discussed and presented. Of course we do not pretend to understand everything that is said or presented in detail. But we must be heard and contribute to the joint innovation efforts towards the improvements of the treatments available in the first year of KickCancer’s existence. At the end of 2017, we already participated in three conferences.

Specifically for instance, in April 2018, we participated in the Paediatric Strategy Forum on the development of drugs for patients with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia to the most common form of cancer in paediatrics. It comes in two sub-types: hyperdiploid and hyperdiploid. The second one, topic of the forum, is the least common one.

This forum is meant to bring all the players likely to contribute to innovation together: regulatory agencies (European Medicines Agency and some national agencies), pharmaceutical companies that have developed an AML drug, clinicians specialised in paediatric haematology, researchers and patients or patient representatives.

The aim of these discussions is crucial: there are currently many agents developed for adults with AML. Most of these agents could be potentially used in patients of AML: we need to find out. This is why we have been writing this year to the European Parliament Members and future Commissioners.

The soft power of improvement or the regulatory and cultural environment

European arthritis

With the end of the Commission’s last legislative and the elec- tional campaign, we naturally had to slow down the pace of our activities, but we are now ready to welcome the European Parliament Members and future Commissioners.

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Hello!

KickCancer is pleased to announce that we will only go on a vacation if we get a chance to torch cancer to death with a magnifying glass. Sure will feel the heat coming!

But please, as always, do not forget to cover yourself with sunscreen.

The truth be told, we do deserve a summer break: our first six months have been loaded with activities and we are proud to tell you all about it in our Summer News. And, of course, we are making sure to prepare an unforgettable RUN TO KICK 2019 edition.

Hello!

We are happy to wish you relaxing and exciting vacations, filled with beautiful moments with your family and friends and look forward to welcoming you with your sneakers on for RUN TO KICK on September 29th.

In paediatrics, this comes down to two consequences the need to coordinate clinical trials at an international level to warrant a sufficient recruitment and the careful selection of the agents to be tested in children in priority (the most promising ones). This is explained in a way we get  a chance to torch cancer to death with a magnifying glass. Sure will feel the heat coming! In paediatrics, this comes down to two consequences the need to coordinate clinical trials at an international level to warrant a sufficient recruitment and the careful selection of the agents to be tested in children in priority (the most promising ones). This is explained in a way