

# The IARC/WHO Monographs Programme: Identifying the causes of cancer as a first step in prevention and cancer control.”

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The IARC Monographs identify causes of cancer in the human environment. Since its inception in 1971 the Monographs programme has evaluated over 950 agents, with more than 100 classified as carcinogenic to humans and over 300 as probably or possibly carcinogenic to humans. Initially the Monographs focused on environmental and occupational exposures to chemicals, but their scope has expanded to include other factors, such as mixtures, personal habits, drugs, biological and physical agents. I will describe some of the developments I witnessed during the past 60 years of my career, and will analyze how various concepts and ideas have contributed to bring us to the current status of science.

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