Kari Hemminki and Asta Försti visit to the Moroccan partner 11-14.10.2011.

In order to plan for collaboration on nasopharyngeal cancer (NPC) the German delegation travelled to Casablanca and was hosted by Dr. Meriem Khyatti at Pasteur Institute, Casablanca. In the meetings, plans were drafted on the sets of SNPs to be genotyped on Moroccan NPC samples in Germany by a Moroccan student Khalid Moumad, scheduled to stay in Heidelberg in 2011 and 2012. Further discussions covered the visit of the Moroccan delegation in Germany in 2012. Meriem Khyatti proposed that the 2013 EUNAM meeting would take place in Marrakesh, Morocco.

The delegates also met Prof. Benider, the head of the oncology center of Casablanca, also in charge of the Casablanca cancer registry. Rates of many cancers, including breast cancer, seem to increase rapidly in young subjects. This has been investigated for breast cancer among immigrant to Sweden and the data, at least for this cancer, do point to an earlier onset in some immigrant groups.