

Announcements

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2000 ANNUAL MEETING

The AACR's Annual Meeting is one of the largest and most important annual gatherings of scientists engaged in cancer research worldwide. The next Annual Meeting will take place in San Francisco, CA, April 1–5, 2000. The Chairperson of the Annual Meeting is Peter A. Jones, of the Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. Co-Chairpersons are Carlos L. Arteaga, Vanderbilt University; Franco M. Muggia, Kaplan Comprehensive Cancer Center; Geoffrey M. Wahl, Salk Institute; and Alice S. Whittemore, Stanford University.

The Program Committee will invite outstanding scientists in the field to organize plenary sessions, symposia, controversy sessions, and meet-the-expert sunrise sessions. It will also review proffered papers submitted by members of the cancer research community and will schedule acceptable ones in minisymposia, poster discussion sessions, and poster sessions. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be **November 1, 1999**. Further program information can be found on the AACR's Website (<http://www.aacr.org>).

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH

2000 April 1–5, San Francisco, CA
2001 March 24–28, New Orleans, LA
2002 April 6–10, San Francisco, CA

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2000 AACR-PEZCOLLER INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR CANCER RESEARCH

The AACR-Pezcoller International Award for Cancer Research is given annually to a scientist who has made a major scientific discovery in the field of cancer. The Pezcoller Foundation was established in 1982 by Professor Alessio Pezcoller, a dedicated Italian surgeon who has made important contributions to medicine during his career and who, through his foresight, vision, and generous gift in support of the formation of the Foundation, stimulated others to make significant advances in cancer research. Over the past decade the Pezcoller Foundation, in collaboration with the ESO-European School of Oncology, gave a major biennial award for outstanding contributions to cancer and cancer-related biomedical science.

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) was founded in 1907 by eleven physicians and scientists dedicated to the conquest of cancer and now has over 15,000 members in more than 60 countries who are experts in basic, clinical, and translational cancer research. The AACR is dedicated to its mission of preventing and curing cancer through the communication of important scientific results, in a variety of forums, including publications, meetings, and training and education programs. Because of their joint commitment to scientific excellence in cancer research, the Foundation and the AACR collaborate on the presentation of this award. This has strengthened their already well-established relationship and facilitates international collaborations and interactions. Because of the successful implementation of this joint program in 1998, this award is now given on an annual basis.

The awardee will be selected by an international committee of AACR members appointed by the AACR President with the agreement of the Council of the Pezcoller Foundation. Although normally the Award will be presented to a single investigator, in exceptional cases two individuals may be selected to share the award when their investigations have resulted in related prizeworthy work. The committee will make its selection solely on the basis of the awardee's scientific accomplishments without regard to race, gender, nationality, geographic location, or religious or political views. The winner will give an award lecture during the AACR Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA (April 1–5, 2000) and will receive the award in a ceremony at the Foundation's headquarters in Trento, Italy, right after the Annual Meeting. The award consists of an honorarium and a commemorative plaque.

The Foundation and the AACR are now soliciting nominations for the 2000 Award. Nominations can be made by any scientist who is now or has been affiliated with an institution engaged in cancer research. Institutions or organizations are not eligible for this award, and candidates may not nominate themselves.

There is no official application form for this award. The nomination package should consist of the following:

- the candidate's curriculum vitae
- an indication of the most important references in the candidate's curriculum vitae and list of publications
- a letter of recommendation in English (500 words, maximum) describing the candidate's major scientific achievements and explaining the impact of these achievements on progress in cancer research

Nominators are asked to maintain the confidentiality of the nomination process and to refrain from informing the candidate about the nomination.

The deadline for receipt of nominations by the AACR is **October 1, 1999**, for consideration for the 2000 Award. The names of the members of the Awards Committee will be published in a later announcement. Questions about the nomination process should be directed to the AACR Office via FAX at (215) 440-9322 or Email at aacr@aacr.org. Nominators should submit the original plus 12 copies of their nominations and supporting materials to:

AACR-Pezcoller International Award for Cancer Research
c/o American Association for Cancer Research, Inc.
Public Ledger Building, Suite 826
150 South Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3483
USA

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AACR AWARDS

The AACR presents the following awards to distinguished scientists at its Annual Meeting. The Awards Committee, consisting of separate subsections, will recommend candidates for each award to the AACR Executive Committee. Following is a description of each award. Members wishing to make nominations should provide a short description of the candidate's accomplishments; the subcommittee involved will obtain further documentation on suitable candidates. Nominations may be directed to the Association Office for forwarding to the appropriate subcommittee. This material should be received no later than **September 1, 1999**.

Clowes Memorial Award. The Eli Lilly Company established the Clowes Memorial Lecture to honor Dr. G. H. A. Clowes, who was a founding member of the AACR and a research director of Eli Lilly. The purpose of the award is to give "recognition of outstanding research accomplished in some recent period." The Clowes Award should recognize outstanding recent accomplishments in basic cancer research, and the Board of Directors construes this to mean both laboratory research and epidemiological investigations.

Joseph H. Burchenal AACR Clinical Research Award. Bristol-Meyers Squibb has established this award to recognize outstanding achievements in clinical cancer research. It is named for Dr. Joseph H. Burchenal, past president and honorary member of the AACR and a leading figure in the field of cancer chemotherapy. There are no restrictions on the age or geographic location of the awardee.

Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award. The Rosenthal Foundation has established this award to "recognize research which has made or gives the promise of soon making a notable contribution to improved clinical care in the field of cancer." The Foundation wishes to honor and provide incentive to young investigators relatively early in their careers. It has, therefore, stipulated that the Association restrict the award to individuals who are engaged in the practice of medicine, who reside in the Americas, and who will not be more than 50 years of age at the time of the award (April 2000).

Rhoads Memorial Award. In 1979, an anonymous doctor established this award in memory of Dr. Cornelius P. Rhoads, a founder and the first Director of the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research. This annual award is

intended to give recognition to an "individual on the basis of meritorious achievement in cancer research." In accordance with the doctor's wishes, the awardee must be a young investigator; therefore, the Board of Directors of the Association has stipulated that the recipient must not have reached his or her 41st birthday by the time of the award (April 2000).

Cain Memorial Award. The Warner-Lambert Company instituted this award to honor the memory of Dr. Bruce F. Cain of New Zealand for his work in the "design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of potential anticancer drugs." The purpose of the award is to "give recognition to an individual or research team for outstanding preclinical research that has implications for the improved care of cancer patients." Examples of such research include discovery of a significant new anticancer agent and major contributions to a compound's application as an antitumor agent. The award will recognize outstanding contributions in the fields of medicinal chemistry, biochemistry, or tumor biology as related to drug discovery; will encompass anticancer, antiviral, and antifungal agents; will have no age limit; and will be international in scope.

American Cancer Society Award. The American Cancer Society sponsors this award to honor outstanding achievements in the fields of epidemiology, biomarkers, and prevention. There are no age or geographical restrictions on the awardee.

AACR SPECIAL CONFERENCES IN CANCER RESEARCH

A number of meetings are now being organized in the AACR's series of smaller scientific meetings. Following are the topics, dates, locations, and program committees for these meetings. When full details of each meeting are available, AACR members will be the first to receive complete brochures and application forms for participation in these important conferences. Nonmembers may receive this information by sending their names and addresses to Meetings Mailing List, American Association for Cancer Research, Public Ledger Building, 150 South Independence Mall West, Suite 826, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3483. Up-to-date program information is also available via the Internet at the AACR's website (<http://www.aacr.org/confnc.html>).

MOLECULAR ASPECTS OF METASTASIS

September 22–26, 1999
Snowmass Village Resort, Snowmass, CO

Chairpersons

Ruth J. Muschel, Philadelphia, PA
Patricia S. Steeg, Bethesda, MD

THE MOLECULAR AND GENETIC BASIS OF CHEMOPREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER

October 6–10, 1999
Sheraton Bal Harbour Beach Resort, Bal Harbour, FL

Chairpersons

David Sidransky, Baltimore, MD
Frank L. Meyskens, Jr., Orange, CA

GENETIC AND FUNCTIONAL CONSEQUENCES OF CELL CYCLE ALTERATIONS IN CANCER

October 20–24, 1999
Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, San Diego, CA

Chairpersons

Steven I. Reed, La Jolla, CA
Joan V. Ruderman, Boston, MA

MOLECULAR TARGETS AND CANCER THERAPEUTICS: DISCOVERY, DEVELOPMENT, AND CLINICAL VALIDATION

Co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute and the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer
November 16–19, 1999
Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC

Chairpersons:

Daniel D. Von Hoff, San Antonio, TX
Robert E. Wittes, Bethesda, MD
Jean-Claude Horiot, Dijon, France

DNA REPAIR DEFECTS

January 14–18, 2000
San Diego Hilton Beach & Tennis Resort, San Diego, CA

Chairperson

Richard D. Kolodner, La Jolla, CA

DISRUPTED TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS IN CANCER

January 26–30, 2000
Marriott Laguna Cliffs Resort, Dana Point, CA

Chairpersons

Peter K. Vogt, La Jolla, CA
Frank J. Rauscher, III, Philadelphia, PA

PROGRAMMED CELL DEATH: CLINICAL APPLICATIONS

February 27–March 2, 2000
Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Lake Tahoe, NV

Chairpersons

John C. Reed, La Jolla, CA
Junying Yuan, Charlestown, MA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4th International Conference on Immunotherapy for Cancer: Biotherapies and Clinical Development, August 16–17, 1999, Loews Coronado Bay Resort, Coronado, CA. Contact: IBC, 225 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772-1749. Phone: (508) 481-6400; Fax: (508) 481-7911; Email: reg@ibcusa.com; Website: <http://www.ibcusa.com/2308>.

First International Symposium on Circulating Nucleic Acids in Plasma/Serum: Implication in Cancer Diagnosis, Prognosis or Follow Up in Prenatal Diagnosis, August 18–20, 1999, Palace Hôtel de Menthon, Menthon Saint-Bernard, France. Contact: Axécible, 67, bd de la Cluse, Case postale 15, 1211, Genève 9, Switzerland. Phone: 41.22–329.04.73; Fax: 41.22–329.06.83; Email: axecible@swissonline.ch

7th European International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics (ISSX) Meeting, August 22–26, 1999, Budapest, Hungary. Contact: Mr. Attila Varga, Diamond Congress, Ltd., H-1027 Budapest, Fo u. 68, Hungary. Fax: 36 1 201 2680 or 6383; Email: diamond.efit@mtesz.hu; Website: <http://www.mtesz.hu/tagegy/diamond>.

World Congress of Epidemiology: Epidemiology for Sustainable Health, August 31–September 4, 1999, Florence, Italy. Contact: Scientific Secretariat, Department of Statistics, University of Florence, viale Morgagni 59, I-50134 Florence, Italy. Phone: 39 55 4237 244; Fax: 39 55 414277; Email: iea99@stat.ds.unifi.it; Website: <http://iea99.ds.unifi.it>.

9th Annual Research Conference, Nutrition and Cancer Prevention: New Insights into the Role of Phytochemicals, September 2–3, 1999, Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC. Contact: AICR Conference Secretar-

iat, The Pearson Group, Suite 210, 1150 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (703) 683-6334; Fax: (703) 683-6407; Email: PGPlanners@aol.com.

Seventh International Conference on Human Antibodies & Hybridomas, September 8–10, 1999, The Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Scotland. Contact: John Herriot, HAH'99, Meetings Management, Hart House, No. 4 The Hart, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7HA, United Kingdom. Phone: (44) 125 272 6066; Fax: (44) 125 272 3303; E-mail: jherriot@meetingsmgmt.u-net.com.

International Conference on Oxidative Stress in Skin Biology and Medicine, September 13–16, 1999, International Institute of Anticancer Research, Kapan-driti, Attiki, Greece. Contact: Dr. Michael Rallis, University of Athens, School of Pharmacy, Div. of Pharmaceutical Technology, Panepistimioupolis, 15771 Athens, Greece. Phone: 00301-727-4675; Fax: 00301-724-4191; Email: rallis@pharm.uoa.gr.

3rd Annual International Conference of Novel Targets in the Treatment of Pain, September 16–17, 1999, Hilton Washington Embassy Row, Washington, DC. Contact: IBC, 225, Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772-17498. Phone: (508) 481-6400; Fax: (508) 481-7911; Email: reg@ibcusa.com; Website: http://www.ibcusa.com/2387.

XXII Meeting of the International Clinical Hyperthermia Society, September 23–25, Marina Del Ray, CA. Contact: Haim I. Bicher, Valley Cancer Institute, 12099 W. Washington Blvd, #304, Los Angeles, CA 90066. Website: http://www.hyperthermia-ichs.org.

Cytokines, Hormones and Immunity, September 25–30, 1999, Castelvecchio Pascoli, Italy. Contact: Dr. Josip Hendekovic, European Science Foundation, 1 quai Lezay-Marnésia, 67080 Strasborg Cedex, France. Phone: +33 3 88 76 71 35; Fax: +33 3 88 36 69 87; Email: euresco@esf.org; Website: http://www.esf.org/euresco.

AACI Annual Meeting, September 27–29, 1999, Towsley Center, Ann Arbor, MI. Contact: Joyce Robertson, Registrar, Dept. of Medical Education, P.O. Box 1157, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106-1157. Phone: (734) 763-1400 or (800) 800-0666; Fax (734) 936-1641.

23rd Annual Physicians Cancer Symposium, October 14–16, 1999, La Jolla Hyatt Regency Hotel, La Jolla, CA. Contact: Ruthanne Crawford, Stevens Cancer Center, Scripps Memorial Hospital, 9888 Genesee Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037. Phone: (619) 626-6756; Fax: (619) 626-6793; Email: racrawford@chw.edu.

19th Annual Nurses Cancer Symposium, October 14–16, 1999, La Jolla Hyatt Regency Hotel, La Jolla, CA. Contact: Ruthanne Crawford, Stevens Cancer Center, Scripps Memorial Hospital, 9888 Genesee Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037. Phone: (619) 626-6756; Fax: (619) 626-6793; Email: racrawford@chw.edu.

Blood and Marrow Transplanting: Immunotherapy in the 21st Century, October 22, 1999, Towsley Center, Ann Arbor Michigan. Contact: Joyce Robertson, Registrar, Dept. of Medical Education, P.O. Box 1157, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106-1157. Phone: (734) 763-1400 or (800) 800-0666; Fax (734) 936-1641.

International Conference on Immunology: Antigens, Antigen-presenting Cells and T Cells, October 23–26, 1999, Shanghai, China. Contact: Xuetao Cao, M.D., Ph.D., Chairman and Professor, Department of Immunology, Second Military Medical University, 800 Xiang Yin Road, Shanghai 200433, China. Fax: +86-21-65382502; Email: caoxt@public3.sta.net.cn.

9th North American ISSX Meeting, October 24–28, 1999, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN. Contact: ISSX/ACS-DCT Meeting, P.O. Box 3, Cabin John, MD 20818. Fax: (301) 983-5357; Email: holahan@exec.issx.org; Website: http://www.louisville.edu/medschool/biochemistry/ISSX-ACS.

Education of Physicians in End-of-Life Care, October 28–29, 1999, Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, OH. Contact: The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Phone: (216) 444-5695, (800) 862-8173; Fax: (216) 445-9406.

Essence of Palliative Care Nursing, October 29, 1999, Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, OH. Contact: The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Phone: (216) 444-5695, (800) 862-8173; Fax: (216) 445-9406.

ISPPP '99: 19th International Symposium on the Separation of Proteins, Peptides and Polynucleotides, October 31–November 3, 1999, Delray Beach, FL. Contact: Janet Cunningham, Barr Enterprises, P.O. Box 279, Walkersville, MD 21793. Phone: (301) 898-3772; Fax: (301) 898-5596; Website: http://www.ZORBAX.com/isppp.

Third International Symposium on the Role of Soy in Preventing and Treating Chronic Disease, October 31–November 3, 1999, Omni Sheraton Hotel, Washington, DC. Contact: Mindy McDaniel Cain, Symposium Management, P.O. Box 3489, Champaign, IL 61826-3489. Phone: (217) 359-2344; Fax: (217) 351-8091; Email: meetings@aocs.org; Website: http://www.aocs.org/soysymp.htm.

5th International Symposium on Insulin-like Growth Factors, October 31–November 4, 1999, Brighton, United Kingdom. Contact: Janet Crompton, 29 North Road, St. Andrews, Bristol BS6 5AD, United Kingdom. Phone: (44) 117 924 8160; Fax: (44) 117 924 1208; Email: janetcrompton@compuserve.com.

1999 American Society of Nephrology Basic Science Conference: Horizons in Vascular Biology and Therapeutics, November 2–4, 1999, Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, FL. Contact: ASN, 1200 19th Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: (202) 857-1190; Fax: (202) 429-5140; Email: asn@dc.sba.com; Website: http://www.asn-online.com.

Oncology Nursing Society 10th Annual Fall Institute: A Decade of Learning, November 12–14, 1999, Salt Lake City, UT. Contact: ONS, 501 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220-2749. Phone: (412) 921-7373; Email: meeting@ons.org; Website: http://www.ons.org.

6th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress, November 14–17, 1999, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Contact: 6th HKICC Congress Secretariat, Department of Surgery, University of Hong Kong Medical Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. Phone: (852) 2818-0232/(852) 2855-4235; Fax: (852) 2818-1186; Email: mededcon@hku.hk.

International Conference on Advances in Cancer Immunotherapy, March 2–4, 2000, Princeton, NJ. Abstract deadline: October 1, 1999. Contact: Lois Gillespie, Garden State Cancer Center, 520 Belleville Avenue, Belleville, NJ 07109. Phone: (973) 844-7007; Fax: (973) 844-7020; Email: gscancer@att.net.

First International Conference on Translational Research and Pre-Clinical Strategies in Radio-Oncology, March 5–8, 2000, Palazzo dei Congressi-Conference Center, Lugano Switzerland. Contact: Dr. Jacques Bernier, Cantonal Department of Radio-Oncology, Sand Giovanni Hospital, CH-6504 Bellinzona, Switzerland. Phone: 41 91 820 91 57; Fax: 41 91 820 90 44; jbernier@cscs.ch; Website: http://www.osg.ch/ictr2000.html.

Annual Meeting of the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation, March 29–April 1, 2000, Anaheim, CA. Contact: IBMTR/ABMTR Statistical Center, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226. Fax: (414) 456-6530. Website: http://www.asbmt.org.

IX International Symposium on Luminescence Spectrometry in Biomedical and Environmental Analysis – Spectroscopic and Imaging Detection Techniques, May 15–17, 2000, CORUM, Centre des Congrès, France. Contact: Dr. Dan A. Lerner, Chairman, University of Montpellier, Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie 8, Rue de l'École Normale, F-34296 Montpellier cedex 5, France. Phone: 33–04 6714 4323; Fax: 33–04 6714 4349; Email: lerner@enscm.fr.

Eleventh Workshop on Vitamin D, May 27–June 1, 2000, Nashville, TN. Contact: Vitamin D. Workshop, Inc., Dept. of Biochemistry, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521. Fax: (909) 787-4784; Email: vitamind@ucr.ac1.ucler.edu; Website: <http://vitamind.ucler.edu>.

7th European Workshop on Pituitary Adenomas, September 10–13, 2000, Oxford, United Kingdom. Contact: Janet Crompton, 29 North Road, St. Andrews, Bristol BS6 5AD, United Kingdom. Phone: (44) 117 924 8160; Fax: (44) 117 924 1208; Email: janetcrompton@compuserve.com.

Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Second International Congress, November 2–5, 2000, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Hong Kong. Contact: Congress Secretariat, 10/F, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong; Phone: (852) 2871 8787; Fax: (852) 2871 8989.

Errata

In the article by M. Esteller *et al.*, entitled “Detection of aberrant promoter hypermethylation of tumor suppressor genes in serum DNA from non-small cell lung cancer patients,” which appeared in the January 1, 1999 issue of *Cancer Research* (pp. 67–70), the primer sequences of the *MGMT* gene were incorrectly listed in the “Materials and Methods” section as 5'-ATG GTA TGG ATT TTA GTG TTG GTT-3' (sense) and 5'-ACT ATA CCT AAA CTC AAC AAA CAC CA-3' for the unmethylated reaction and 5'-GTA TGG ATT TTA GCG TCG GTC-3' (sense) and 5'-TAA ACT CGA CGA ACG CCG-3' (antisense) for the methylated reaction. The correct primer sequences of the *MGMT* gene are 5'-TTT GTG TTT TGA TGT TTG TAG GTT TTT GT-3' (sense) and 5'-AAC TCC ACA CTC TTC CAA AAA CAA AAC A-3' (antisense) for the unmethylated reaction and 5'-TTT CGA CGT TCG TAG GTT TTC CG-3' (sense) and 5' GCA CTC TTC CGA AAA CGA AAC G-3' (antisense) for the methylated reaction.

The results and conclusions reached in the paper are unaffected by this correction. The primer sequences listed above were correctly given in the manuscript, “Esteller, M., Hamilton, S.R., Burger, P.C., Baylin, S.B., and Herman J.G. Inactivation of the DNA repair gene *O*⁶-methylguanine-DNA methyltransferase by promoter hypermethylation is a common event in primary human neoplasia. *Cancer Res.*, 59: 793–797, 1999.”

In the article by W-Y. Zhu *et al.*, entitled “Retinoic acid increases tyrosine phosphorylation of focal adhesion kinase and paxillin in MCF-7 human breast cancer cells,” which appeared in the January 1, 1999 issue of *Cancer Research* (pp. 85–90), the dosage of RA used in Figures 2 and 5 was incorrectly listed as “1 mM.” The correct dosage of RA used in both of these figures was “1 μ M.”