Awards, Appointments, Announcements

- The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) has announced the winners of two awards. Both recipients receive a cash award of $200,000 and present a scientific lecture at the AACR annual meeting.

  Elizabeth H. Blackburn, Ph.D., Morris Herzstein Professor of Biology and Physiology at the University of California, San Francisco, has been awarded the Kirk A. Landon-AACR Prize for Cancer Research.

  Janet D. Rowley, M.D., the Blum-Riese Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology at the University of Chicago Medical Center, has been awarded the Dorothy P. Landon-AACR Prize for Translational Cancer Research.

- The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston has named Thomas W. Burke, M.D., to be executive vice president and physician in chief. Burke has been a member of the M. D. Anderson faculty since 1988 and an interim senior vice president and chief operating officer for nearly a year.

- The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has announced the selection of four cancer scientists among its 43 new HHMI investigators: Scott Lowe, Ph.D., professor and deputy director of the Cancer Center at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.; Gregory J. Hannon, Ph.D., a professor at CSHL; Zhijian “James” Chen, Ph.D., associate professor of molecular biology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas; and Shahin Rafii, M.D., Arthur Belfur Professor of Genetic Medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York.

- Anita Roberts, Ph.D., a principal investigator in the Laboratory of Cell Regulation and Carcinogenesis in the National Cancer Institute’s Center for Cancer Research, has won the 2005 Leopold Griffuel Prize from the French Association for Cancer Research. The prize of €100,000, which will be presented at a ceremony in Paris on October 15, goes to an individual or group whose research has led to a major discovery in the field of cancer.

- Hari A. Deshpande, M.D., has joined the clinical staff at the Yale Cancer Center in New Haven, Conn., as an assistant professor of medical oncology. Deshpande will run the Head and Neck Cancer Clinic and will be establishing a new genitourinary clinic with Mario Sznol, M.D., who joined the Yale Cancer Center earlier this year.

- Antonio Scarpa, M.D., Ph.D., of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, has been named director of the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health. Scarpa will replace acting director Brent Stanfield, Ph.D.