CANCER RESEARCH this month salutes the scientific periodicals sponsored by the International Union Against Cancer (UICC).

The first journal was the Acta of the UICC, which was initiated in 1936 and ceased publication in 1964. The International Journal of Cancer, which replaced the Acta, was initiated in 1965 and began publication in 1966.

Henri Ferdinand Joseph Maisin (1893–1971) of Louvain, Belgium, was the editor-in-chief of the Acta. A noted pathologist and radiobiologist, he organized and directed the Cancer Institute in Louvain. He also was one of the pioneers of the International Union Against Cancer, serving not only as the editor of its Acta but as the Union's Secretary-General from 1947 to 1953 and its President in 1954. An obituary of Maisin appears in Radiation Res., 49: 473–475, 1972. Maisin is pictured on the left.

Erkki A. Saxén (b., 1921), professor of pathology at the University of Helsinki, Finland, has been the editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Cancer since its inception. His portrait is on the right.

Saxén provides a ten-year report on the Journal (Intern. J. Cancer, 17: 289–291, 1976), indicating the steady growth in the number of submitted articles, from 97 in 1966 to 461 in 1975, and in pages printed, from 622 to 2084. Articles on tumor viruses and on tumor immunology have been the most frequent categories during the decade.

The International Journal of Cancer is widely representative of the world, as indicated by its editorial board and the source of its contents. During the first decade, manuscripts were received from 66 countries. It holds a position of prestige among the leading publications in the field of cancer research. It is also a strong link in the international bonds among scientists throughout the world engaged in understanding and controlling neoplastic diseases.

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