The journal salutes George Klein and Abraham Goldin on their election to honorary membership in the Association. For over 40 years Klein has been at the forefront of advances in tumor biology and immunology. Through a prodigious output of some 800 research papers, reviews, books, and proceedings of international conferences, he has been a source of much of what we know about the role of the immune process in cancer. Perhaps as much as any single scientist, he has been a tremendous influence on the thoughts and research directions of others in the fields of tumor immunology and virology.

Among his many accomplishments is the discovery that several widespread human neoplasms, Burkitt's lymphoma, and nasopharyngeal carcinoma have a common origin in the Epstein-Barr virus. Another landmark discovery is the role of chromosomal translocations in the activation of protooncogenes.

Klein has been honored by many awards throughout the world, including foreign associate membership in the National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A., the Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the French Society of Immunology. He is a recipient of the Annual National Award of the American Cancer Society and the Sloan Award of the General Motors Foundation. He is head of the tumor biology division of the Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, and coeditor of Advances in Cancer Research.

Abraham Goldin has had a long and distinguished career in cancer chemotherapy extending over 40 years with the National Cancer Institute, where he now holds the title of scientist emeritus after many years as Chief of Drug Research and Development in the Division of Cancer Treatment. He is also adjunct professor in the Division of Medical Oncology at Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D. C. With some 400 experimental papers, book chapters, and reviews to his credit, he has had great impact in establishing much of the currently successful chemotherapy practice. Among his many notable contributions are the development of experimental models and principles for drug testing, structure-activity studies, mechanisms of drug resistance, and the introduction of new antineoplastic agents for human chemo- and immunotherapy. The principle of citrovorum factor "rescue" in methotrexate therapy of osteogenic sarcoma was a landmark in chemotherapy.

Goldin has been a unique moving force in setting up numerous international collaborative programs and information exchanges and has active contacts with organized chemotherapy programs of the International Union Against Cancer (UICC), the European Organization for Research on Treatment of Cancer (EORTC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). He is the recipient of many international awards, an honorary member of the Hungarian Cancer Society, and a coeditor of Advances in Pharmacology and Chemotherapy, of which 11 volumes have been published. For many years he served as an associate editor of Cancer Research.

Photographs were obtained courtesy of George Klein, left, pictured with his wife and constant co-worker, Eva Klein; and Abraham Goldin, right.

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