Prof. Alessio Pezcoller is an Italian surgeon who has devoted all his life to medicine. Throughout his career he has always cultivated the great objective of stimulating research in the field of medicine. In 1987, Prof. Pezcoller saw, at last, all his hard work crowned with success thanks to the disposition he made of his own heritage which has been growing for more than half a century due to all his fine work. The Pezcoller Foundation was constituted with the aim of awarding a prize for the most significant/outstanding studies made in medicine and, thus, encouraging future research activities.

The 1988 Pezcoller award will be made for an outstanding contribution in ONCOLOGY. The recipient must be living at the time the award is announced. Contributions which have already been awarded a prize by other sources are not considered eligible.

Nominations for prizes are by invitation. Personal applications will not be considered and the prize will be awarded only to individuals. No distinctions will be made concerning the sex, language, race, nationality, religion and political beliefs of the nominees. Institutions or associations are not eligible for consideration.

The 1988 Pezcoller prize will be awarded to a single investigator: however, in exceptional cases where research by two individuals, whether or not they worked together, interacted in important ways to create prizeworthy work, the two persons can be selected to share the prize equally. Candidates will not be considered eligible for the prize unless nominated on an official form by a competent scientist who is or was affiliated with a University, Academy or Institution.

Nominators are requested to keep the nomination confidential and to refrain from informing the nominee of the nomination.

The decision by the Pezcoller Foundation concerning the recipient of the prize based on the final decision of the Selection Committee can not be appealed. The Selection Committee will make its final decision as to the prizewinner during the month of June, 1988. The award ceremony will be held in the Autumn of 1988 in the city of Trento, Italy.

The 1988 Pezcoller Prize for Oncology will be of 150,000 U.S. Dollars.

The completed form must be in the English language, typewritten and accompanied by a pertinent bibliography. Additional nominations may be made using photocopies of the nomination form.

Completed nomination forms must be received by April 15, 1988 in order to be considered. The nomination should be addressed to:

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The Cassa di Risparmio di Trento and Rovereto (Savings Bank of Trento and Rovereto) has undertaken the important job of caring for the Pezcoller Foundation and its interests now, in its present day form and its future with the guarantee of following the aim for which the Foundation was originally created.
Armand Hammer is an astonishing personality, one whose dazzling life of 89 years has made an incredible impact on American industry, the fine arts, international diplomacy, and medicine. We acknowledge here his enormous contribution to cancer research as a distinguished Chairman of the President’s Cancer Panel since 1981, his generous financial support of individual cancer researchers and institutions, and his establishment of the Hammer Prize Foundation which awards the sum of $100,000 annually for outstanding advances. Recipients have been Levy and Stevenson, 1982; Bishop, Erikson, Varms, and Weinberg, 1983; Gallo, Hinuma, Miyoshi, and Takatsuki, 1984; Rosenberg and Taniguchi, 1985; and Fisher, Moore, and Metcalf, 1987.

Born of Russian Jewish parents in 1898 on New York’s East Side, he became a millionaire pharmaceutical dealer at 21 while attending Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Receiving the M.D. degree in 1923, he went to Russia to help fight a raging typhus epidemic. Recognizing Russia’s need for United States technology and with the friendship and patronage of Lenin, he gave up medicine to build a trading empire that lasted nearly a decade. Life to him has been a succession of challenges, and with extraordinary acumen, he became a world-renowned collector and dealer in fine arts, built a huge business in distilled spirits, became a breeder of champion cattle, and constructed and still heads one of the world’s major oil producers, Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

During this incredibly active life of business and humanitarianism, he has been friend, confidant, and adviser to countless world political leaders from Roosevelt to Reagan and from Lenin to Gorbachev. As a “diplomat without portfolio” he has exerted a broad influence in world affairs and international cultural activities. After the recent Chernobyl disaster, he was the organizing hand that mobilized American advice and assistance to the victims of radiation.

In his words, “My life . . . spans the 20th century and . . . has precariously bridged . . . the ideological gulf between the capitalist countries of the West and the socialist countries of the East.” He has stated, “I have been a man of many dreams and I have had the privilege of seeing many of them come true. My greatest dream, since I was a young physician, has been to help free mankind from the ravages of cancer, and I shall do everything in my power to try to make this dream of all of us come true.”

His life is recorded in an autobiography, Hammer (New York: G. P. Putnam, 1987). We are indebted to Elliott Stonehill of the National Cancer Institute for much information and to Eleanor Connors of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation for the photograph.

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