NEW SCHEDULE FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH BEGINNING IN 1994

In May 1992 the Board of Directors of the American Association for Cancer Research voted to hold the AACR Annual Meeting separately from that of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). The Board made this decision after careful consideration of the recommendations of the AACR’s Task Force on Clinical Investigations. It is felt that an independent annual meeting is essential to the vitally important goal of the AACR to provide more programs of relevance to clinical researchers and to have the AACR Annual Meeting serve as the primary forum for cancer research ranging from the bench to the clinic. The intent of scheduling the meetings consecutively has always been to facilitate interaction and scientific communication among clinical and laboratory scientists. However, the extraordinary recent growth in both meetings hampers that interaction. For a variety of reasons, investigators are unable to attend 7 consecutive days of scientific sessions. As a result, fewer than 20% of the AACR registrants also register for ASCO, and many of those who do register for both meetings attend only 1 day of the AACR meeting. The AACR feels that a separate Annual Meeting will enable more clinical researchers to attend the entire meeting of the AACR.

ASCO will continue to meet in mid-May. Starting in 1994, the AACR Annual Meeting will take place in late March or in April over dates that do not conflict with the FASEB meeting or the Easter and Passover holidays. The AACR meeting will be scheduled over 4 days. Regular scientific sessions will begin on Sunday morning and conclude on Wednesday afternoon to enable registrants to take advantage of airfare discounts requiring Saturday stay-overs.

The 1994 Annual Meeting will take place from Sunday, April 10 through Wednesday, April 13 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, CA. The deadline for submission of abstracts was October 25, 1993. Dates and locations have also been confirmed for the following years:

- 1995 March 19–22 Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- 1996 April 21–24 Washington, DC
- 1997 April 13–16, San Diego, CA

NEW PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP

In a ballot distributed in Spring 1993, AACR members approved a number of amendments to the Association’s By-Laws. Several of these amendments affect the privileges and responsibilities of corresponding members. Corresponding members may now sponsor candidates for active, corresponding, and associate membership. All corresponding members, regardless of their year of election to the Association, are now required to pay dues. (Previously, dues payment had been voluntary for corresponding members elected before 1985.) If qualified for emeritus membership, corresponding members may now transfer into this category and retain all of their previous membership privileges.

BROADENING OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Also approved in the recent By-Laws Ballot was an amendment broadening associate membership to qualified persons throughout the world. There will be no geographic restrictions. All graduate and medical students, postdoctoral fellows, and physicians-in-training who are following a course of study or who are working in a research program relevant to cancer investigations are now welcome to apply for this category of membership. One active or corresponding member of the Association in good standing must serve as a sponsor for the applicant. Annual dues for associate members are $30 for residents of the Americas, and $40 for those in other countries.

WORKSHOP ON HISTOPATHOBIOLOGY OF CANCER

The AACR will sponsor a workshop titled “Histopathobiology of Cancer” at the Keystone Center in Keystone, Colorado, from July 17–24, 1994. This workshop is supported by a generous grant from the National Cancer Institute that will offset the costs of registration, housing, and meals for approximately 75 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows engaged in basic cancer research (including epidemiological studies). This intensive one-week workshop will provide participants with a background in cancer biology, pathology, and cancer-related disciplines. The program consists of 28 hours of laboratory sessions, 11 hours of lectures, and at least 4 hours of poster sessions. The workshop chairperson for 1994 is Michael W. Lieberman of the Baylor College of Medicine. He will direct a faculty of outstanding cancer researchers who will head the various laboratory sections and present lectures on recent advances in the field of histopathobiology of cancer and other appropriate scientific disciplines. Information and application forms will be mailed to AACR members in January. Nonmembers should request information and brochures from the AACR office.

WORKSHOP ON MOLECULAR BIOLOGY IN CLINICAL ONCOLOGY

The AACR will sponsor an intensive, one-week summer workshop on molecular biology designed for clinical oncologists in training and in their early academic careers at the Given Institute in Aspen, Colorado. July 1–8, 1994. Recent advances in molecular biology are becoming more and more relevant to the diagnosis, therapy, and management of cancer patients. The workshop will give clinical oncologists an opportunity to interact closely in an informal setting with experts in the field of molecular biology, learn their language and laboratory techniques, better understand relevant literature, and communicate more effectively with their basic science colleagues.

Stephen H. Friend of the Massachusetts General Hospital and L. Michael Glode of the University of Colorado School of Medicine will serve as Chairpersons of the Workshop and will invite a distinguished faculty to direct five 2½-hour laboratory sessions and deliver 15–20 hours of lectures. Both faculty and participants will be invited to present posters of their own work. Generous support from the National Cancer Institute will provide funding for the registration fees, air fares, and hotel accommodations of 65 physicians in training and oncology fellows. Ten senior clinical oncologists will also be able to attend the workshop upon payment of a registration fee. The University of Colorado School of Medicine certifies this workshop for Category I credits toward the AMA Physicians Recognition Award.

Information and application forms will be mailed to all AACR members in January. Nonmembers should request brochures from the AACR office.

AACR SPECIAL CONFERENCES IN CANCER RESEARCH

A number of meetings are now being organized in the AACR’s new series of smaller scientific meetings. The topics, dates, locations, and program committees for these meetings are given on the following page. 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, 620 Chestnut Street, Suite 816, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3483.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOLECULAR GENETICS OF PROGRESSION AND METASTASIS
(Supported by generous grants from the Steiner Foundation)
January 31–February 5, 1994
Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, MT

Chairperson
Lance A. Liotta, Bethesda, MD

Program Committee
Eric R. Fearon, New Haven, CT
Patricia S. Steeg, Bethesda, MD
William Stetler-Stevenson, Bethesda, MD
Dennis J. Slamon, Los Angeles, CA

Session Topics
Special Lecture: Marc E. Lippman
Colon Cancer
Melanoma
Breast and Ovarian Cancer
Prostate Cancer
Genomic Instability and Repair
Model Systems
Metastasis Suppression
Clinical Approaches to Cancer Progression

CANCER: PERTURBATIONS IN CELL CYCLE CONTROL
AND GENOMIC INTEGRITY
(Co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute of Canada)
February 19–24, 1994
(Please note revised date)
Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta, Canada

Chairpersons
Thea D. Tlsty, Chapel Hill, NC
Lawrence A. Loeb, Seattle, WA

Program Committee
Philippe Gros, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Michael Smith, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Session Topics
Keynote Address: Manfred Eigen
Modulators of Growth and Development
Tumor Suppressor Genes
Endogenous Sources of DNA Damage
Responses to DNA Damage
Controls of Genomic Integrity
Genetic Integrity and Carcinogenesis
Cell Cycle
Terminal Arrest

GROWTH FACTORS, DEVELOPMENT, AND CANCER
(Joint Meeting with the Friedrich Miescher-Institut)
March 5–11, 1994
Congress Center, Interlaken, Switzerland

Chairpersons
Harold L. Moses, Nashville, TN
Bernd Groner, Basel, Switzerland

Session Topics
Special Lectures: Harald zur Hausen
Walter Gehring
Positive and Negative Growth Factors and Their Receptors
Receptor-associated Kinases and Phosphatases
Signal Transduction Including Targets for Therapy
Transcription Factors and Homeobox Genes
Tumor Suppressor Genes
Cell-Cell Interactions
Cell-Matrix Interactions and Proteases
Targeted Therapy Including Immunotherapy

TRANSCRIPTIONAL CONTROL OF CELL GROWTH & DIFFERENTIATION
October 16–20, 1994
Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham (Cape Cod), MA

Chairpersons
Eric N. Olson, Houston, TX
Bruce M. Spiegelman, Boston, MA

Session Topics
Cell Cycle and Transcription
Signal Transduction Systems Influencing Transcription
Transcription Factors Controlling Cell Growth
Transcription Factors Controlling Cell Differentiation
Development

MODERN DEVELOPMENTS IN CANCER THERAPEUTICS
(Joint Meeting with Academia Sinica)
November 7–11, 1994
Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Chairperson
Yung-chi Cheng, New Haven, USA
Cheng-Wen Wu, Taipei, R.O.C.

Session Topics
Drug Discovery
Experimental Therapeutics
Drug Resistance
Tumor Biology
Gene Therapy and Vaccines
Novel Therapies
Hepatocellular Carcinogenesis: Treatment and Prevention

BASIC AND CLINICAL ASPECTS OF PROSTATE CANCER
December 8–13, 1994
Marriott's Rancho Las Palmas Resort,
Rancho Mirage (Palm Springs), CA

Chairpersons
Donald S. Coffey, Baltimore, MD

MECHANISM OF ACTION OF RETINOIDS, VITAMIN D,
AND STEROID HORMONES
January 14–19, 1995
Whistler Resort and Conference Center
Whistler, B.C., Canada

Chairpersons
Michael B. Sporn, Bethesda, MD
Ronald M. Evans, San Diego, CA
David Mangelsdorf, Dallas, TX

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF CANCER: IMPLICATIONS FOR
PREVENTION AND THERAPY
(Joint Meeting with the Japanese Cancer Association)
February 13–18, 1995
Maui Marriott Hotel, Maui, HI

Chairpersons
Lee W. Wattenberg, Minneapolis, MN
Masaaki Terada, Tokyo, Japan

Session Topics
Differentiation
Signal Transduction
Hormones and Cancer
Multistep Carcinogenesis: Oncogenes and Tumor Suppressor Genes
Genetic Intervention: Antisense and Gene Therapy
Apoptosis
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Renal Cell Carcinoma, March 7-8, 1994, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Cleveland, OH. Contact: Marilyn Bryce, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Department of Continuing Education, TT-31, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44195. Telephone: (216) 444-5696 (local), 800-762-8173 (other); FAX: (216) 445-9406.

Viral Pathways to Cancer, the 18th Annual Symposium of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, March 30 and 31, 1994, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC. Contact: Sarah Rimmer. Telephone: (919) 966-3036.


XVI International Cancer Congress, October 30–November 5, 1994, New Delhi, India. Contact: Mrs. Arari Walia, Congress Manager, D-1 Kalindi Colony, New Delhi 110065 India. Telephone: 9-11-684-9399; FAX: 91-11-684-8343, or Mr. Aloke C. Bagchi, Program Coordinator, P. O. Box 666, Naperville, IL 60566. Telephone: (708) 416-6355; FAX: (708) 416-6828.

International Conference on Physical Insult from and Biological Responses to Low Level Ionizing Radiation, November 3 and 4, 1994. Contact: E. P. Cronkite, Medical Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY 11973. FAX: (516) 282-5311.
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