MARCH 18-22, 1995
86th Annual Meeting
Chairperson: Donald S. Coffey, Baltimore, MD
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

APRIL 1-6, 1995
Signal Transduction of Normal and Tumor Cells
Co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute of Canada
Chairpersons: Anthony J. Pawson, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; André Veillette, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Grant McFadden, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada

OCTOBER 14-18, 1995
Cytokines and Cytokine Receptors
Chairperson: Steven Gillis, Seattle, WA
The Sagamore, Bolton Landing (Lake George), NY

NOVEMBER 5-9, 1995
Cancer: The Interface Between Basic and Applied Research
Chairpersons: Bert Vogelstein, Baltimore, MD; Stephen H. Friend, Seattle, WA; John D. Minna, Dallas, TX
Stouffer Harborside Hotel, Baltimore, MD

NOVEMBER 17-21, 1995
Novel Strategies Against Resistant Cancers
Chairpersons: Victor Ling, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Daniel D. Von Hoff, San Antonio, TX
Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa, Ft. Myers, FL

DECEMBER 2-6, 1995
The Molecular Basis of Gene Transcription
Chairperson: Tom Curran, Nutley, NJ
Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado (San Diego), CA

JANUARY 17-20, 1996
Cancer and the Cell Cycle
Joint Meeting with the Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research
Chairpersons: Edward E. Harlow, Charlestown, MA; Viesturs Simanis, Lausanne, Switzerland
Location to be Announced in Lausanne, Switzerland

FEBRUARY 19-25, 1996
Cancer Susceptibility Genes and Molecular Carcinogenesis
Chairpersons: Curtis C. Harris, Bethesda, MD; Allan Balmain, Glasgow, Scotland; Kenneth Olden, Research Triangle Park, NC
Keystone Resort, Keystone, CO

MARCH 1996
Proteases and Their Inhibitors in Cancer
Chairpersons: Lynn M. Matrisian, Nashville, TN; Bonnie F. Sloane, Detroit, MI
Location to be Announced

APRIL 20-24, 1996
87th Annual Meeting
Chairperson: Lorraine J. Gudas, New York, NY
Washington D.C. Convention Center, Washington, D.C.

JUNE 1996
Inducible Genomic Responses
Chairpersons: William T. Beck, Memphis, TN; John A. Hickman, Birmingham, England; Richard I. Morimoto, Evanston, IL
Location to be Announced

OCTOBER 1996
Carcinogenesis from Environmental Pollution: Assessment of Human Risks and Strategies for Prevention
Joint Meeting with International Agency for Research on Cancer
Chairpersons: Frederica Perera, New York, NY; Paul Kleihues, Lyon, France
Location to be Announced in Budapest, Hungary

OCTOBER 19-23, 1996
Programmed Cell Death
Chairperson: Stanley J. Korsmeyer, St. Louis, MO
The Sagamore, Bolton Landing (Lake George), NY

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The Sapporo Cancer Seminars are held annually in the city of Sapporo, Hokkaido’s capital, near the beautiful campus of Hokkaido University, Japan. Hiroshi Kobayashi (left), inspired by the cooperative scholarly atmosphere that he observed during his attendance at a Gordon Cancer Conference in the late 1970s, initiated the Sapporo Cancer Seminars in 1981. They were modeled not only on the generous, sharing spirit of the Gordon Cancer Conferences, but also on the natural beauty of the conference site. The Gordon Cancer Conferences, which have been in existence for over a half-century, were originally held during the summer in New London, New Hampshire, on the campus of Colby College. Not only have they served cancer, but they also are a prototype of conferences held in a variety of scientific disciplines, now spread throughout the world and throughout the year.

In organizing the Sapporo Cancer Seminar, Dr. Kobayashi was aided by the enthusiastic support of Takashi Sugimura, now President Emeritus of the National Cancer Center, Tokyo, and by Takeo Yamazaki (right), then President of the Hokkaido Medical Association. Their prestige was influential in raising funds and attracting scholars to participate.

The Sapporo Cancer Seminars fill a special niche in cancer research. The intimate size of the meetings and their cooperative format foster a spirit of communication on a personal level that is often precluded by large scientific conferences. The first conference had, among other participants, Margaret Kripke, Isaiah Fidler, and Enrico Mihich, each of whom later became President of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). A group photograph of the participants at the first symposium is featured on this cover. From the beginning, the conferences have involved investigators from different countries, a continuing practice that gives the seminar an international flavor and demonstrates how international cooperation can stimulate research and increase the likelihood of discovering effective therapies.

The subject of the first meeting in 1981 reflected Dr. Kobayashi’s interest in the escape of tumor cells from immune control. The second seminar was devoted to accounts of the range and degrees of biochemical change that occurs during the growth and differentiation of malignancy. The success of the first two meetings brought about the establishment of the seminar as a permanent annual event, which is organized by an official body and supported in large part by businesses and the pharmaceutical industry. The third meeting concentrated upon the body’s biological responses to cancer chemotherapy. Subsequent conferences have covered a wide range of contemporary issues, such as viral transforming genes; the mechanisms by which monoclonal antibodies affect progress in cell biology; the action of cytokines; and the site-specific mechanisms of drug delivery. A special emphasis on metastasis, a major cause of cancer mortality, reflects a focus on that area of cancer research at the Hokkaido University School of Medicine.

The sixth meeting, in 1987, marked the beginning of two conferences each year. In the summer, fundamental cancer research is featured, and in the winter, clinical topics. The topic of the most recent summer conference, which was held in July 1994 and which was the Fourteenth Sapporo Cancer Seminar, focused on genetic polymorphism and cancer susceptibility. The Ninth Winter Seminar, held in February 1995, centered on adenocarcinoma of the lung.

The AACR and the Sapporo Foundation have long had cooperative ties. Meeting reports on the Sapporo Cancer Seminars, carrying timely information, are published annually in the AACR’s journal Cancer Research, while the Sapporo Foundation has supported AACR programs through regular annual contributions.

Although Dr. Kobayashi has retired from his Chair in Pathology at Hokkaido University, he continues to direct the Sapporo Cancer Seminars and the supporting foundations. After the long winters of Hokkaido, the rejuvenation of spring there symbolizes to Dr. Kobayashi the open-handed and open-hearted spirit which he found in New Hampshire. He believes that this generous sharing of knowledge, emulated and fostered in Sapporo, will help to eventually reach the elusive goal of cancer control.

We are indebted to Dr. Kobayashi for his unswerving interest in and dedication to the AACR’s international programs, and for supplying the information and photographs for this cover feature.

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The Pezcoller Foundation, Trento, Italy

The Pezcoller Foundation is a non-profit organization created in 1979 by Prof. Alessio Pezcoller, who was the chief Surgeon of the S. Chiara Hospital of Trento, Italy. One of the goals of the Foundation is to promote biomedical research. To this end, it annually sponsors a symposium at the cutting edge of basic research and biennially awards a prize for fundamental discoveries in the aetiology, pathogenesis, treatment or biology of a disease; the winner is selected by an International Committee chaired by Prof. U. Veronesi, European School of Oncology. The symposia are structured to favor intensive discussions among participants leading to the development of new ideas and perspectives. The topics are chosen by an International Advisory Committee composed of: E. Mihich, Chairman (Buffalo), G. Bernardi (Trento), C. Croce (Philadelphia), G. Della Porta (Milan), V. DeVita (New York), G. Lenaz (Bologna), D. Livingston (Boston), P. Schlechter (Trento), E. Solomon (London), T. Taniguchi (Osaka), F. Zuelli (Trento).

Seventh Pezcoller Symposium, June 14-16, 1995, Trento, Italy
Cancer Genes: Functional Aspects
Co-Chairmen: E. Mihich and D. Hausman
Program Committee: Drs. E. Mihich (Chairman), J. Azizkhan, P. Comoglio, G. Draetta, D. Hausman, D. Livingston, A. Matter

Keynote Address: Robert Weinberg

June 14, AM, Session I: Oncogenes, Co-Chairmen: *M. Fried and T. Graf
Speakers: *Gerard Evan  
*Paolo Comoglio  
*Sara Courtneidge

June 14, PM, Session II: Suppressor Gene, Co-Chairmen: *M. Kulesz-Martin and *F. Rauscher III
Speakers: *Yue Xiong  
*Moshe Oren  
Carol Prives

June 15, AM, Session III: Transcription Regulation, Co-Chairmen: *R. DiLauro and *T. Beerman
Speakers: Michael Green  
*Paolo Sassone-Corsi  
*Alfred Nordheim  
Gary Gilliland

June 15, PM, Session IV: Cell Cycle Regulation, Co-Chairmen: *G. Draetta and *E. Nigg
Speakers: *Giulio Draetta  
*Jane Azizkhan  
*David Livingston  
*Claudio Schneider

June 16, AM, Session V: Clinical Implications, Co-Chairmen: *A. Matter and *P-G. Pelicci
Speakers: Brian Druker  
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*Glenn Dranoff  
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