

## Announcements

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### NEWS FROM EORTC NCI-EORTC RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM

THE NCI-EORTC Research Training Program was initiated two years ago and has been functioning normally ever since. It is administered from the Brussels office by delegation from the EORTC Administrative Board (president, Prof. U. Veronesi) to the councillor and former president, Prof. H. Tagnon, who reports regularly to the Board.

With the perspective of two years of activity, it appears that this program and its implementation fulfills one of the missions of the EORTC, as expressed in a decision of the Board to create a section of research training and teaching in the oncological sciences, both fundamental and clinical. The present program is oriented towards fundamental research and is distinct from programs of clinical training, as exemplified in the School of Oncology, and from clinical statistical methodology as exemplified by the statistical unit of the EORTC.

Looking up the proceedings of the meeting of the Council of 29 November 1985, the Research Advisory Board was created in order precisely to initiate actions in the direction of basic research. The NCI-EORTC Training Program fits very well in the mission of the Research Advisory Branch (page 3 of proceedings). The program has been extended to include the participation of highly qualified NCI and EORTC research oncologists in the basic sciences to visit EORTC-related institutions to teach and participate in their research.

Altogether this can be considered as a form of implementation of the research proposal unanimously approved by Council (page 3, proceedings of 29 November 1985), although it was developed independently.

Please note that the NCI-EORTC Training Program has not requested financial participation from EORTC and is not requesting it at present. A total sum of 570.000 dollars has been spent in the first two years of the program. This sum has been obtained from different sources, including the FOCA Foundation and the Fulbright Commissions, originating in equal parts from Europe and from the United States. It is expected that these sources of support will still be available in the near future.

We are now proposing the adoption of this program as partial implementation of the resolution of the Council on basic research for a trial period of two years from June 1987 (anniversary of its creation two years ago) without financial commitment. It could be adopted under the name of 'EORTC-NCI Exchange Office (or Branch) for Basic Cancer Research'.

The creation of this office is not intended to interfere in any way with other activities or initiatives in the field of basic cancer research contemplated by EORTC but will give it more official recognition. It is clearly understood that this branch will not concern itself with clinical trials or new drug development and that these activities will not be directly concerned with the Research Training Program.

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### FREE UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN HEAD AND NECK CANCER 2, 3, 4 December 1987

THE objective of this symposium is to acquaint the practising specialist in this field with the new developments in his own speciality, as well as in adjoining sciences.

New developments in histopathology, imaging techniques, reconstructive surgery, radiotherapy, laser applications, chemotherapy, chemoprevention and tumour immunology will be reviewed. The language of this symposium will be English.

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