

## Announcement

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### *Historical background of the NCI liaison office*

1972: Creation of the NCI Liaison Office (Brussels).

Setting up of the Screening Laboratory.

1974: Creation of the EORTC Data Center.

1975: The Screening Laboratory is recognized as a NCI contractor for *in vivo* screening.

1976: An EORTC Protocol Review Committee is established to ensure the quality of clinical research.

1980: A joint collaboration between NCI, EORTC and CRC is initiated to facilitate the development of new drugs to the clinic.

1984: A drug monitoring program for Phase I trials is started.

1985: Two fellowship programs are established between NCI and EORTC.

1986: A formal agreement is signed between NCI, EORTC and CRC.

### *Current activities of the NCI liaison office*

1. Acquisition of novel compounds as potential antitumor and anti-AIDS agents.

2. Follow up of compounds on test and reporting of results.

3. Assistance in the development of compounds for clinical trial.

4. Clinical monitoring of drugs in Phase I trial.

5. Promotion of scientific exchanges between the U.S.A. and Europe and within Europe.

6. Collection of clinical protocols throughout the world.

7. Liaison between European and international organizations of cancer research and the U.S.A.

8. Assistance in the organization of meetings and symposia.

9. Liaison with EORTC cooperative groups and with the CRC Phase I/II group.

### *NCI-EORTC Fellowship Program*

The NCI-EORTC Fellowship Program was initiated two years ago to allow cancer research scientists from Europe to receive training at the National Cancer Institute and other cancer centers in the U.S.A. and for American scientists to receive training at EORTC affiliated institutions.

### *Henri Tagnon Lectureship*

In connection with the NCI-EORTC Fellowship Program, up to 10 U.S. lecturers representing the sponsors of the European appointees are invited to lecture in EORTC institutions with the financial support of the FOCA Foundation.

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