

Special Article

International Symposium on Hormone Therapy in Oncology

Bologna, 23–25 March, 1988

THIS took place to celebrate the nine hundredth anniversary of the University, one of the oldest in Europe. The National Association for the Treatment and Study of Solid Tumors and Farmitalia Carlo Erba were participants in the organization.

The proceedings were opened by the Chancellor of the University, Prof. F. Roversi Monaco. H.J. Tagnon, Emeritus Professor of Oncology and Medicine at the prestigious Jules Bordet Institute of Brussels, delivered the opening lecture on the historical perspective in the development of hormonal therapy of cancer and was given a prize in recognition of his work in this field.

Three major lectures were given: one by Nenci (Ferrara) on the role of hormones in the etiology of tumors; Manni (U.S.A.) on the effect of polyamine on growth and the mode of action of tamoxifen; Jordan (U.S.A.) on the pharmacology of hormones and their use in the prevention of tumors.

The pharmacokinetics of hormones in cancer was presented by Babini and Camaggi: this subject has been extensively studied in Bologna.

A round table discussion reviewed the experience of oncologists from 11 countries on the fundamental principles of hormonal physiology and their application to therapy and prevention.

This was a general and complete review of the state of the art by an international panel of experts who manifested the importance of international collaboration for progress in the treatment of cancer.

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