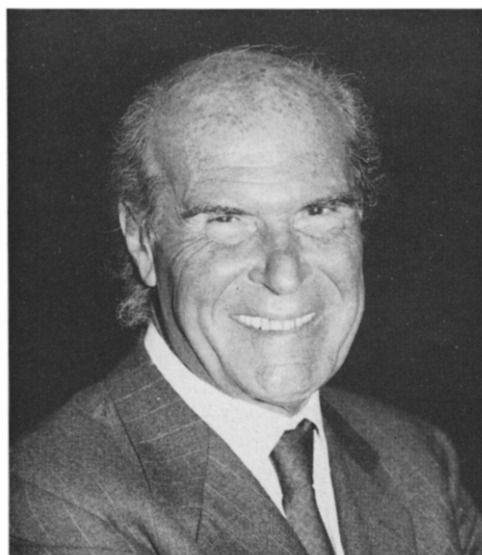




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## Comments and Critique

### A New Journal from a New Europe

UNTIL the first European Conference of Clinical Oncology (ECCO) in 1981 there was no common European forum for clinicians and scientists to present and discuss original research findings. In September 1989, 3600 oncologists and scientists attended ECCO 5 in London for a four day programme which amply demonstrated the vigour and productivity of European cancer research ranging from basic to clinical research, including newer areas such as psychosocial oncology and important practical issues such as trial methodology and data analysis.

The integration of the major European Cancer Societies in the Federation of European Cancer Societies, the success of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC), restructured into four divisions under the Presidency of Umberto Veronesi, the expanding and successful programmes of the European School of Oncology and the creation of the *European Journal of Cancer and Clinical Oncology*, all contributed to the remarkable momentum generated by the ECCO meetings and laid the foundation for the creation of the new *European Journal of Cancer*.

The EJC appears at a time of unprecedented change in Europe, with, for the first time since the Second World War, the real prospect of developing common programmes between east and west in medical research and health care. The new Journal also appears at a time of unprecedented change in medical research. The aim of the editors is to produce a high quality Journal which offers prompt publication of new and original data and which links basic science with oncology in its broadest aspects. The thrust and ambitions of the Journal are demonstrated by the impressive range of expertise covered by the Senior Advisors, Consulting Editors, Corresponding Editors, Society and News Editors.

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