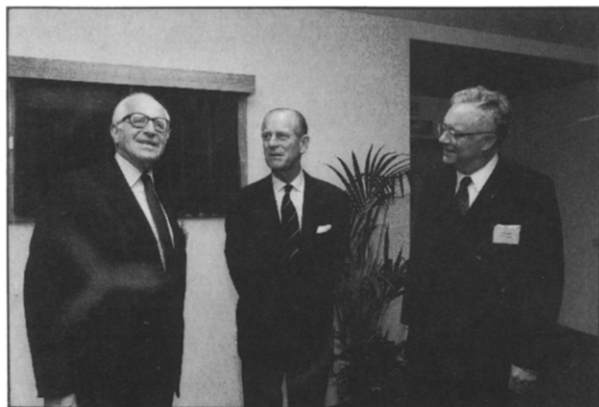


New EORTC Headquarters

There was no better place to launch the first issue of the re-styled *European Journal of Cancer* than at the opening of the new head office and data centre of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC). The reason, of course, is that the publication is the official journal of EORTC as well as the Federation of European Cancer Societies, the European School of Oncology and the European Association of Cancer Research. For nearly 30 years, EORTC had been based at the Institut Jules Bordet in Brussels.

The new headquarters was inaugurated by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who is President of the EORTC Foundation, which was created in 1976 to raise funds. The Chairman is Sir Ronald Grierson, who is the former Director-General of the European Community. Prince Philip unveiled a commemorative plaque and on behalf of EORTC received a donation of \$175,000 from the Maxwell Foundation. The inauguration was sponsored by Albert Frere of the GBL-BBL banking group.

About 200 people attended the opening ceremony including scientists and clinicians associated with EORTC, politicians, and philanthropists. Media coverage was international. Two Belgium ministers of state, Messrs Eyskens and Colla, and Madame Martins, wife of the Prime Minister, were among the guests. The President of the EORTC, Professor Louis Denis, the Editor in Chief of the *European Journal of Cancer*, Professor Michael Peckham and of the Editors, Professor Umberto Veronesi (former President of the EORTC) and Professor Emmanuel van der Schueren, were also present.



HRH Prince Philip with Sir Ronald Grierson and Professor Louis Denis.



The building that houses the EORTC.

The new building is in Woluwe-St-Lambert on the outskirts of Brussels. In this building, EORTC rents a floor which comprises 1200 m², and is fully equipped with integrated telephone and computer links. As well as offices for the staff there are meeting facilities. The high-tech design is a reflection of the professionalism of modern science. This investment in a new headquarters is a sign of the importance that fund-raisers and sponsors attach to cancer research and treatment in Europe.

The data centre is now equipped with an Alcatel-5400 digital telephone exchange for direct-dial access with all data managers to facilitate fast communication by EORTC clinicians and research centres, especially those in Europe. The President of Digital Equipment, Mr Paul Vanderspiegel, attended the opening ceremony and was thanked for sponsoring the new computer room that houses the data centre's VAX 8200, which was moved from the old premises with minimum downtime.

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