



Fig. 3. ECL income index span 1985–1989 (current prices).

Indirectly, the Fundraising Survey thus uncovers unexploited possibilities for fundraising, and also the need for a closer cooperation between the ECL members in this field of activity.

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More Members and More Activities in ECL

At the General Assembly of the Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL), 28 October 1990 in Amsterdam, five more cancer leagues became members of the Association, including the newly established cancer leagues in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland. The ECL comprises now 23 national cancer leagues from 21 European countries.

The ECL will in 1991 create the framework for a number of joint project and programmes such as:

- an ECL meeting in January on strategies of the national cancer leagues in the EC in connection with the EC "Europe against Cancer" programme
- an ECL workshop in April for telephone help lines
- a specialised professional ECL workshop on fundraising
- an ECL conference in October on "The role of the cancer league dealing with unproven methods"
- a revised agreement regarding the exchange of new information between the national cancer leagues
- an ECL short-term staff fellowship programme
- bilateral agreements between national cancer leagues for the transfer of experiences and technology.

Bilateral agreements have so far been established between the following leagues: the Polish Committee for the Fight against Cancer and the Dutch Cancer Society, the Czechoslovakian League against Cancer and the Norwegian Cancer Society, and the Hungarian Cancer League and the Danish Cancer Society. Further bilateral agreements are under negotiations.

Ole Bang
President
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Cytokines in the 1990s

A meeting entitled Cytokine Use in the 1990s: Past, Present and Future will be held on 15 February 1991, at the San Diego Le Meridien Hotel at Coronado San Diego, California. The meeting is sponsored by the Department of Medicine University of California, San Diego. For further details, contact Meeting Management, 5665 Oberlin Drive, Suite 110, San Diego, CA 92121, U.S.A. Tel (619) 453-6222, fax (619) 535-3880.

Retirement of Professor Maurice J. Staquet

31 December 1990 marked the departure of Professor Maurice J. Staquet as Director of the EORTC Data Center and EORTC Coordinator for EUROCODE.

Dr Staquet received his MD degree from the University of Brussels where he also obtained a postgraduate degree in Cardiology. He completed a Master of Science Degree in Biostatistics at the School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York.

Dr Staquet held various posts in teaching, research and medicine with the Hôpital St Pierre, the Institut Jules Bordet, the University of Brussels, the New York Medical College, the Amsterdam School of Tropical Medicine, the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, and the National Center for Polar Research. He was also Visiting Professor at the Stanford School of Medicine in California for five consecutive years. In recognition of his work in Antarctica, he was honoured with the Decoration of the Chevalier de l'Ordre de Léopold II.

He is the founder of the International Society of Clinical Biostatistics and a member of the Society of Clinical Trials and other societies. Dr Staquet has published more than 200 articles in the field of medicine. He is also member of the editorial board of both medical and statistical journals. He is presently the executive editor of *Melanoma Research*.

In 1969 Dr Staquet became the EORTC Coordinator for Clinical Trials and a member of the Council and the Board of Directors of the EORTC. In 1976 he became the Director of the Data Center. Under his leadership the Data Center has grown 5 fold and has become an internationally respected centre for cancer clinical trial design and analysis. In 1983 Dr Staquet received the Medal of the Académie Royale de Médecine de Belgique on behalf of the EORTC.

On the occasion of the departure of Dr Staquet, the EORTC Data Center staff organised an Open House in his honour in the new Data Center premises. This occasion was attended by more than 300 visitors from all over the world and was concluded by a private evening reception where all the Data Center personnel expressed their thanks to Dr Staquet and wished him the best of luck in his future endeavours.

Dr Staquet will continue his activity of Professor of Medical Ecology at the Brussels Free University and as the coordinator of the European Collaborative Group for Pain Research ("Europain").

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