

News

EACR-12 in Brussels

IN EARLY April of this year, the European Association for Cancer Research returned to Brussels after an interval of 22 years to hold its 12th major meeting at the Faculty of Medicine of the Université Catholique de Louvain. Our previous meeting in Brussels was in 1971 and since then the EACR has visited many centres of research throughout Europe from Helsinki to Genoa, and from Galway to Budapest.

The meeting opened with the society's Mühlbock Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor Dirk Bootsma of the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and entitled, "The genetic defect in DNA repair deficiency syndromes", the text of which has been published in the *European Journal of Cancer* (Vol. 29A, No. 10, 1482-1488). The formal scientific programme of plenary lectures and parallel session symposia followed and was accompanied by delegates' proffered poster presentations. The meeting focused considerable attention on developments in our understanding of cancer at the molecular level and it is a major achievement of current investigation to have provided many areas of research in cancer with foundations based upon fundamental scientific knowledge. The election of Professors Herman Van den Berghe and Sir Walter Bodmer as President and President-Elect, respectively, very much reflected the association's increasing emphasis on basic science and, in particular, the molecular genetics of cancer. Many members were newly elected as officers or appointed to committees within the association. The following were elected by the General Assembly to serve in the Executive Committee and Council of the EACR:

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The General Assembly of the EACR also decided that membership should be open to graduate students engaged in cancer research. This is an important initiative since the association is offering its support to the incoming generation of researchers. It was agreed that student members would be eligible to exemption of payment of membership fees for a period of up to 4 years.

The association continues to develop in response to the needs of the community of cancer researchers within Europe. During the past 6 years, the EACR has been directed along this course by its retiring President, Professor Peter Bannasch who has given generously of his time and energy in furthering the aims of the association. The EACR has indeed been fortunate with its past president, and sincere appreciation and good wishes are extended to Peter Bannasch for his commitment to the work of the association. For EACR-12, thanks are expressed to the Belgian Cancer Association for their sponsorship of the meeting and to Professor Marcel Roberfroid who relinquished much of the past year and a half to the organisation of EACR-12.

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