



Announcing a New Initiative for 1995 on Paediatric Oncology

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High quality papers on any aspect of paediatric oncology, including para-malignant conditions such as the histiocytosis, will be welcome

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Occasional papers and reviews on cancer in children have appeared in the *European Journal of Cancer* but there has been no concerted attempt to cover this important field of oncology where remarkable advances have been made over the past few decades.

Advances in elucidating the cell and molecular basis of paediatric tumours have pointed the way to a clearer understanding of basic mechanisms in cancer more generally. Likewise, some aspects of the progress in treating malignant disease in childhood have had more general relevance. However, substantial biological and clinical challenges remain, including a con-

tinuing need to determine the long term consequences of curative treatment. A further challenge is cancer in adolescence, which has tended to be a rather ill-defined hinterland between paediatric and adult oncology.

We are therefore particularly pleased to announce that, under the co-ordination of Dr Jon Pritchard, the *European Journal of Cancer* will feature a series devoted to paediatric oncology. This marks the first step in giving emphasis and a distinct identity within the Journal to this specialised and important aspect of oncology.