

## Appointments

### FECS CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD 1997

The FECS Clinical Research Award will be presented to Dr Marie Overgaard on the occasion of ECCO 9 to be held in Hamburg on 14–18 September 1997 in recognition, primarily, of her major contribution to clinical research on breast conserving therapy.

Marie Overgaard obtained her medical degree at the University of Aarhus, Denmark in 1972. She continued postgraduate training at the University Hospitals in Aarhus and became specialist in oncology (radiotherapy and medical oncology) in 1980. As part of this training she was privileged to be a resident and research fellow at the Department of Radiation Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston (1976–1977).

From 1982 to 1985 Dr Overgaard was appointed as clinical fellow at the Department of Oncology, Aarhus University Hospital, where, since 1987, she has been staff chief oncologist. She has been responsible primarily for the oncological treatment of breast cancer and head and neck cancer. Dr Overgaard's research interests are mainly clinical with

a focus on indication and optimisation (improving tumour control and/or reducing morbidity) of radiotherapy in the context of the multimodal treatment approach, which is often necessary in modern cancer treatment. Her work has formed the basis for the national guidelines and strategy for the use of radiotherapy in breast cancer, which has been a prerequisite for the large Danish Breast Cancer (DBCG) trials.

Another main activity has been related to the role of radiotherapy in head and neck cancer through active involvement in the design and conduct of the large randomised trials by the Danish Head and Neck Cancer Study Group.

Dr Overgaard's research activities also include studies of treatment related morbidity and clinical radiobiological investigations of, for example, fractionation sensitivity and factors of predictive importance for the outcome of radiotherapy.

Marie Overgaard has been the chairman of the DBCG radiotherapy group since 1986 and is currently the president of the Danish Society of Head and Neck

Oncology as well as a member of several national and international scientific societies and research groups.



Marie Overgaard, President of the FECS Clinical Research Award 1997.

### President of the American Association for Cancer Research

Dr Donald S. Coffey, PhD, is the new President of the American Association for Cancer Research for 1997–1998.

Dr Coffey has served as President-Elect of the Association since April 1996. He is Professor of Oncology, Pharmacology, and Molecular Sciences, and The Catherine Iola and J. Smith Michael Distinguished Professor of

Urology, at the Johns Hopkins Hospital; Principal Professional Staff, at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Baltimore, MD.

A member of the Board of Directors since 1993, Dr Coffey has served as an Associate Editor of Cancer Research and as a member or chairperson of more than seven AACR committees, as well as

chairperson of the 1994 AACR Special Conference entitled, "Basic and Clinical Aspects of Prostate Cancer".

He is an expert in endocrinology, prostate cancer, molecular biology, and the role of nuclear matrix in DNA organisation and malignancy. He earned his PhD at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

### President-Elect of the American Association for Cancer Research

Dr Webster K. Cavenee, PhD, is President-Elect of the AACR. Dr Cavenee is Director at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research (San Diego Branch) and Head of the Laboratory of Tumor Biology; Professor, Department of Medicine, and Member, Center for Molecular Genetics,

University of California-San Diego, La Jolla, California. An Associate Editor of three of the AACR's four journals, Dr Cavenee has also served on the Board of Directors and more than 13 committees.

He received the AACR's Cornelius P. Rhoads Award in 1988. Dr Cavenee is an

expert in the areas of molecular biology and genetics, and biochemistry. He gained his PhD from the University of Kansas.