

THE TUMOUR MICROENVIRONMENT—ITS CHARACTERIZATION, MODIFICATION AND CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS

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This issue of *Acta Oncologica* contains a selection of papers presented at an International Workshop on The Tumour Microenvironment, held in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Granada. The workshop was the fourth in a series, the others being the Tumour Hypoxia Meeting (April 1986, Vancouver, Canada), the Tumour Hypoxia: Implications for Therapy Meeting (March 1989, Palo Alto, USA), and the Third International Workshop on Tumour Hypoxia (July 1991, Orillia, Canada).

The Workshop was attended by 72 participants from 14 different countries in Europe, North America and the Middle East, who gave a total of 50 oral presentations. The aim of this workshop was to cover all aspects of the tumour microenvironment both from a scientific and clinical viewpoint. It was divided into 5 sessions of half-day duration. The first two sessions covered the importance and assessment of the tumour microenvironment in terms of oxygenation, biochemical and physiological parameters. This was followed by a session on the physiological manipulation of the tumour microenvironment and a session on the tumour microenvironment as a target for therapy. The meeting concluded with a session on new models and concepts. All presenters at the workshop were invited to submit a manuscript of their presentation and those who did so, and had the paper accepted after subsequent peer review, are published in this issue of *Acta Oncologica*.

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