

## RECENT ADVANCES IN DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF NEUROENDOCRINE GUT AND PANCREATIC TUMORS

A meeting held at Kebnekaise, Sweden, June 13–16, 1990

After our previous meeting at Kettilö, two years ago, most of the participants indicated that they would like to meet every second year to update the recent knowledge and research frontiers in diagnosis and treatment of neuroendocrine gut and pancreatic tumors. We all felt that it was important to come together and have both formal presentations and informal discussions of different issues. This time I decided to concentrate upon some areas of particular interest where new information has emerged during the past few years. These include multiple endocrine neoplasia type 1, particular works on molecular genetics, so-called ECL-omas, neuroendocrine tumors of the gastric mucosa, the somatostatin analogue Sandoz, which has turned out not only to be a therapeutic agent but also to have a potential role in diagnosis of neuroendocrine tumors, and finally alpha interferons and mechanisms of action in neuroendocrine tumors.

The stay at Kebnekaise, the highest mountain in Sweden and one of the last wild spots of Europe with midnight sun at this time of the year, inspired the most stimulating discussions both day and night. I am grateful to all participants, both speakers and delegates, who made this meeting such a success. I also want to express my gratitude to our sponsors Sandoz, Sweden, Schering-Plough, Sweden and Pharmacia, Sweden. Without their financial support it would have been impossible to organize such a meeting. I am also grateful to Mr. Ebbe Wikberg, who took care of us like a father and put together a most exciting social program. A special word of thanks to my secretary Anette Jurka, who managed to keep everything together, and last but not least to Acta Oncologica for once more including the symposium proceedings in its regular series of publications.

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