

## EDITORIAL

### ECCO-4, MADRID, 1987

The 4th European Conference on Clinical Oncology and Cancer Nursing (ECCO-4), held in Madrid, November 1-4, 1987, showed that the ECCO conferences arranged under the coverage of the Federation of European Cancer Societies (FECS) now belong to the important manifestations of research in clinical oncology and cancer nursing.

More than 1600 abstracts were submitted for consideration by the Programme Committee which, together with the invited contributions, resulted in about 240 orally presented papers (award lectures, main lectures, teaching lectures, symposia, work shops, proffered papers) and about 570 poster presentations.

The organizing committees for ECCO-4 decided not to publish comprehensive proceedings, but all contributions were presented by abstracts in a conference book. During planning it was, however, found important to stimulate the authors to publish their full papers. After discussions between the organizing committee and ACTA ONCOLOGICA it was therefore decided that all authors of orally presented papers should be invited to publish their contributions in this journal. The invitation was sent to the lecturers in the spring of 1987 and from summer 1987 until spring 1988 the editorial office received about 60 manuscripts. These have been processed according to the general routine of the journal, viz. expert reviewing, editorial comment and, if necessary, revision by the authors. The present special ECCO-4 issue of ACTA ONCOLOGICA contains 22 of these papers. The reminder will appear in the following ordinary issues of this journal.

We believe that the collaboration between ECCO-4 and ACTA ONCOLOGICA will be regarded as an advantage for the contributors to ECCO-4 and for the readers of the journal. For participants in the conference the present issue will be a reminder of some scientifically interesting and socially agreeable days in Madrid. We are grateful to all the authors for their contribution.

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Dr Hernán Cortés-Funes, President of ECCO-4, at the inauguration ceremony, Madrid, November 1st, 1987.



Dr Jerzy Einhorn, President of FECS, conversing with H.R.H. Princess Cristina at the opening ceremony. Also present, among others, Mr Julián Garcia Vargas, Minister of Health, and Dr Hernán Cortés-Funes.