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Preface

This special issue of ANTICANCER RESEARCH presents the proceedings and discussion of “The 10th Annual Meeting of the Society of Biotherapeutic Approaches” which was held in Fukuoka, Japan, on December 2, 2006 and was cosponsored by the Molecular Oncology Center of the Fukuoka University.

Representative highlights of this conference were the lectures of Drs. K. Mitsuyama, Kurume University School of Medicine, and S. Miyamoto, Faculty of Medicine, Fukuoka University. In addition, numerous presentations on a wide range of basic and clinical topics provided information on impressive advances in this field.

The important aims of our Society are to facilitate interactions among basic researchers and clinicians, and to organize and perform clinical trials with adequate informed consent and in an appropriate and professional manner. These aspects remain important issues for the progress of biotherapy, as well as for medicine in general.

We wish that this issue of ANTICANCER RESEARCH will serve in establishing new biotherapeutic approaches for an improved management of cancer. On behalf of the Society, we would like to thank all the authors for their contributions.

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Editorial

This special issue of ANTICANCER RESEARCH reflects the proceedings and discussion of "The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Society of Biotherapeutic Approaches" held on 8 December 2001 in Fukuoka, Japan, and was cosponsored by the Molecular Oncology Center of the Fukuoka University.

The aim of this meeting was to discuss jointly the current progress in establishing biotherapeutic approaches for the treatment of intractable diseases, especially cancer, between clinicians and scientists. In addition to basic research focusing on the effect of new biotechnological products in vitro or in animal models, several lines of research focusing on the clinical effect of some cytokines and/or immunomodulators were reported and discussed.

We wish that the current issue of ANTICANCER RESEARCH presenting the proceedings of this meeting would serve as a milestone on establishing new biotherapeutic approaches for a better management of cancer. On behalf of the Society, we would like to thank all the authors for contributing their results to this volume.

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