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## **Preface**

This special issue of ANTICANCER RESEARCH presents the Proceedings of the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society of Biotherapeutic Approaches. It is our great pleasure to introduce this issue expressing my sincere gratitude to the Editors of Anticancer Research for kindly accepting the proceedings of our regional meeting in Japan for publication.

The 16th meeting was held in Tokyo on December 8, 2012, chaired by Prof. Kimiko Makino, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tokyo University of Science, and Dr. Sigenori Gotoh, Seta Clinic Group, Tokyo. One of the highlights in this conference was the special lecture on “Novel Curcumin Oral Delivery Systems” presented by Prof. Yuji Makino, Kagawa School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tokushima Bunri University, Kagawa, Japan. In addition, there were three workshops focusing on molecular biological, immunological, or clinical research studies of cancer, and many oral presentations on a wide range of basic and clinical topics, offering impressive advances in this field.

The main aims of our Society are to facilitate good communication among basic researchers and clinicians, and to perform clinical trials with adequate informed consent in an appropriate and professional manner. These aspects remain important issues for the progress of biotherapy as well as for medicine in general. It is our sincere hope that these Proceedings will contribute to further progress in the field of biotherapy and that our members will continue to foster the aims of our Society.

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