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During the 50 years I was a member of the AACR, I was happy to witness enormous progress in cancer research which occurred under the aegis of our Association and to participate in various ways to the AACR activities. Indeed it was a privilege and a source of rewarding satisfaction to be able to do it over many years.

My work for the AACR from 1971 to 1986 was as follows:

- Member, Committee on Food and Drug Regulation, 1971-72
- Member, Program Committee, 1971 Annual Meeting
- Member, Program Committee, 1977 Annual Meeting
- Chairman, Program Committee, 1978 Annual Meeting
- Member, Selection Committee for the C.P. Rhoads Award, 1979-80
- Member, Selection Committee for the B. Cain Award, 1981-82
- Member, Selection Committee for Clowes Award, 1983-84
- Member, Scientific and Public Affairs Committee, 1983-86
- Chairman, Awards Committee, Section on the Cain Award, 1985
- Member, Board of Directors, 1985-1990
- Chairman, "The Cancer Budget Crisis--The Next Step", Public Affairs Symposium, AACR Annual Meetings, Los Angeles, CA, May 7, 1986

In 1986 I was elected President-elect, and in 1987 I became President. With the invaluable help of Marge Foti, I sought to pursue the enlargement of our membership, who at the time was mainly interested in carcinogenesis and experimental chemotherapy. From workshops, which I organized, in such areas as cancer immunology, endocrinology and clinical investigations, we obtained guidance on how to proceed towards broadening the interest of the AACR community. A critical step towards the AACR expansion was the approval by the Board, under my tenure, of the concept of small conferences; the first of these conferences was then implemented by my successor, Dr. Loeb.

From 1988 to 2005, I participated in the following activities of the AACR:

- Chairman, Awards Committee, 1988-89
- Co-chairman of the first joint AACR/JCA Symposium, Hawaii, May 18-21, 1989
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on By-Laws, 1990-92
- Member, Selection Committee, AACR-Women in Cancer Research-Charlotte Friend Memorial Lectureship, 2002-2003
- Chairman, NYS Legislative Committee, 1989-2000
- AACR Delegate Member, U.S. National Committee for the International Union Against Cancer, 1993-2005
- Member, Clinical Research and Experimental Therapeutics Awards Committee, 2004-2005

In addition in 1996, with the help of Marge Foti and then President Bertino, I mediated the collaboration between AACR and the Pezcoller Foundation, which ultimately led to

the establishment of the annual Pezcoller Foundation-AACR International Award for Cancer Research. From 1997, when the call for nominations was first materialized, until 2000, I was also a member of the Selection Committee for this Award.

In December 1999, I secured the collaboration of Her Royal Highness Princess Dr. Chulabhorn who became the honorary chairperson of the First Summit Meeting of the Alliance of World Cancer Research Organization and through her gracious hospitality provided an appropriate site for the meeting.

In 2007 and 2008, I was privileged to be allowed by the AACR to organize under its aegis cutting edge symposia on molecular therapeutics in Singapore and Bangkok, respectively.

All in all, I was indeed fortunate to have been connected for many years in so many ways with the activities of the AACR and to have always enjoyed the superb collaboration of Marge Foti, Ruth Fortson and the many members of the AACR staff.