

## SEMINARS AND RESEARCH CONFERENCES

Many seminars on various topics have been given so far in the Institute. These were given as rather closed forms by chance when we had guests or visitors. In addition the research conference, sponsored by the Cancer Research Institute, is formally held twice a year. The program for this formal conference was previously announced widely to scientists in the Hokuriku district.

The first conference of this year was held in the Memorial Hall of the Medical School, Kanazawa University, January 24, 1979. The program is shown as follows:

### Program

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| I. Complement System:  | Chairman: S. Migita       |
| 1) Genetics and biology of the complement system.  | M. Takahashi and S. Sakai |
| II. Transplantation of Langerhans' Islets:   | Chairman: G. Nakagawara   |
| 2) Studies on preservation of rat pancreatic L islets.   | S. Ohno                   |
| 3) Studies on the viability of L islets of perfused pancreas of rat cadaver.   | T. Mizukami               |
| III. Intestinal Metaplasia of the Gastric Mucosa:  | Chairman: K. Kurakane     |
| 4) Histological studies of gastric mucosal cancer with special reference to intestinal metaplasia.                                   | M. Mai                    |
| IV. Function of Cyclic GMP:  | Chairman: H. Yoshikawa    |
| 5) Physiological role of cyclic GMP – Activation of retinal phosphodiesterase by light and cerebral guanylate cyclase by NO radical. | N. Miki                   |

The papers were mainly given by fresh staff members taking their posts in the Institute within the last two years. The success of any scientific meeting must be attributed in the final analysis to the contributions of the chairman, mainspeakers, and the discussants from the audience. On these aspects the conference turned out exceedingly well with good presentations on every topic and very profitable discussions. However, we regret to say there was no enough time to encourage discussions.

Following the conference in the evening, a refreshment party was then opened with an address of thanks by Dr. H. Okamoto, the former director of the Institute. The party continued in a harmonious atmosphere and ended quite satisfactorily.

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