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Burkitt’s Lymphoma Symposium Featured Speaker:

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Ian Magrath received his qualifications in medicine from the University of London. He holds a higher doctoral degree in Medicine and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Pathologists. He has a special interest in the pathogenesis and treatment of non-Hodgkin’s lymphomas, stemming from early in his career when he spent 2 years as Director of the Lymphoma Treatment Center in Kampala (University of Makerere), Uganda. He subsequently joined the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Bethesda, Maryland, and became Chief of the Lymphoma Biology Section of the Pediatric Oncology Branch, where his work was focused on the treatment and molecular pathogenesis of B cell lymphomas, particularly Burkitt’s lymphoma, as well as the role of Epstein-Barr virus in the pathogenesis of the latter disease. During the last 35 years, he has had a particular interest in cancer control in developing countries and has been involved in the conduct of cancer control projects, clinical trials and basic research in many parts of the world, including India, Pakistan, Nepal, China, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Turkey, Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria and Egypt. This led to his present position as President of the International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (INCTR) in Brussels (in 2000), although he retains a position at the NCI. Dr Magrath is also adjunct Professor of Pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. He has authored over 360 original articles, chapters, reviews, commentaries and editorials relating primarily to the pathogenesis and treatment of malignant lymphomas, pediatric cancers, cancer in developing countries and Epstein Barr Virus. He has also edited several books, including “New Directions in Cancer Treatment,” “The Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphomas” (now in its 3rd edition as “the Lymphoid Neoplasms”), and “Gene Therapy.” He serves or has served on several international committees and advisory boards for a number of organizations, including the World Health Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency (PACT), the European School of Oncology, the International Union for Cancer Control and the American Association for Cancer Research. He has won a
number of awards for his work and been invited to give several special lectures at major meetings of professional societies or Universities.