



The Pezcoller Foundation will be sponsoring the Poster Awards at EACR's main meeting EACR-20 in Lyon having introduced the awards for the first time in Budapest in 2006

The Pezcoller Foundation is a non-profit institution founded by Professor Alessio Pezcoller, who was Chief Surgeon at Santa Chiara Hospital in Trento, Italy. Its goal is to promote scientific research in the battle against diseases which afflict mankind, focusing specifically on the fight against cancer.

The Foundation was established in 1980 and is managed by a President and a Board of directors. The President and the Board members work on a voluntary basis.

The Foundation depends primarily on the substantial sum of money bequeathed by Professor Alessio Pezcoller, its founder, and by significant contributions from its sponsors, the CARITRO Bank Foundation, the Province of Trento, Trento and Rovereto Town Councils and other occasional private donations and legacies.

Due to its ever increasing recognition within the international oncological community, the Foundation is now able to collaborate with some of the most important cancer institutions: AACR – the American Association for Cancer Research (with more than 24,000 members worldwide) and ECCO – European Cancer Organisation) The Pezcoller Awards are officially recognised during the international conferences of the two above mentioned associations.

The award for cancer research, entitled "Pezcoller Foundation-AACR International Award for Cancer Research" is awarded annually. The prize of € 75,000 considers eligible only candidates nominated by a scientist who is or was affiliated with a University, Academy or Institution

The second award – "Pezcoller Foundation-ECCO Recognition for Contribution to Oncology" of € 30.000 is biennial and given to someone who has dedicated his/her life to the fight against cancer. The selection of the winner in both prizes is made by an International Committee appointed by the Foundation in collaboration with AACR or ECCO.

Every year the Foundation organises international meetings (symposia) among international scientists on oncological issues on the cutting edge of basic research. Since 2003 the symposia are part of the Italian ECM (Continuous Education in Medicine) program. The three best presented abstracts are awarded the Pezcoller-Begnudelli prizes.

The Foundation also organises meetings on clinical-oncological issues and updates, organised for family practitioners and for doctors working in hospitals in the Trentino region.

The Foundation annually awards a number of grants for doctors in the Trentino region who wish to extend and improve their research in cancer centers overseas. It awards a certain number of young European scientists enabling them to show their own abstracts at the annual AACR Meeting: the "Pezcoller AACR Scholar in Training Award".

The Pezcoller Foundation publishes every six months a Journal which includes scientific reviews and articles and news about upcoming Pezcoller events. It guarantees a continuous contact with the international oncological community worldwide.



Gios Bernardi with Luigi Chieco-Bianchi (centre), the winner of the 2007 FECS/ECCO – Pezcoller award, and Marco A Pierotti

Poster Awards at EACR-20

**Poster Awards at
EACR-19 in Budapest
were a new and
valued feature of the
conference.**

**Poster awards will be
made again at EACR-
20 in Lyon - sponsored
by the Pezcoller
Foundation**

**Three awards of
1,000 Euro
are made at the end of
each exhibition day.**