Genetic Concepts and Neoplasia will be the topic of the Twenty-Third Annual Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research, March 5-7, 1969, at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel in Houston, Tex. It will provide scientists and physicians with an opportunity to review and exchange current scientific knowledge about the role of the genetic apparatus in cancer.

The meeting’s four objectives are:
- To focus the attention of investigators and clinicians on cancers and disorders predisposing to cancer that have genetic bases and to emphasize their research potential and clinical significance;
- To explore the interaction of the genetic apparatus and exogenous agents, namely, radiation, chemicals, and viruses;
- To evaluate the progress in somatic cell genetics and to consider the exploitable potential of research in this field for an understanding of neoplastic growth; and
- To consider conceptual advances in molecular genetics as they relate to the possibility of gene restitution and repair.

The three-day meeting will be divided into six sessions. During each of the six sessions, three or four papers will be presented and opportunities for discussion will be available. One major discussion period will be included in the program, and informal comments and questions will follow each paper. An attempt will be made to present the most current information, including material which is not yet available in the medical literature. A book containing abstracts of the papers to be presented will be supplied to each registrant at the symposium. The proceedings will be published in monograph form shortly after the meeting’s conclusion.

Special events at the 1969 symposium will be the Bertner Foundation Lecture and the presentation of the Nineteenth Annual Bertner Foundation Award. The award is presented annually to a physician or scientist who has made an outstanding contribution in basic cancer research. This year’s awardee will be selected for achievements in research related to genetics and cancer.

Tentative programs, including registration forms for the meeting and for room reservations at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel, will be mailed in early January 1969. Those who do not receive a program at that time may obtain a copy by writing:
Symposium Registration Office, Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas 77025 (USA).