PEZCOLLER FOUNDATION-AACR INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR CANCER RESEARCH LECTURE

May 18th, 11:30 a.m., Room A104
Polo Scientifico e Tecnologico Fabio Ferrari, Povo 1, Trento

2018 AWARD RECIPIENT

Tony Hunter, PhD
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Dr. Hunter’s landmark discovery of the first tyrosine kinase, the Rous Sarcoma Virus protein (Src), has revolutionized the field of cell biology and cancer research defining tyrosine phosphorylation as a key mechanism in eukaryotic cells regulating their growth, functioning and communication. Crucial, Dr. Hunter’s research established tyrosine kinase activity of many oncoproteins as essential for the transformation of normal cells into a cancerous state. His pioneering findings have paved the way to the revolutionary use of tyrosine kinase inhibitors in oncology.

PEZCOLLER FOUNDATION
Is a non-profit organization created in 1980 by Prof. Alessio Pezcoller (1896 - 1993) Chief Surgeon of Santa Chiara Hospital of Trento, Italy. The goal of the Foundation is to promote biomedical research in the field of cancer.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH (AACR)
Founded in 1907, the American Association for Cancer Research is the world’s oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to advancing cancer research and its mission to prevent and cure cancer.