German Cancer Society awards the German Cancer Prize 2011

This distinction was awarded both Prof. Dr. Axel Hauschild (klinischer Teil), Prof. Dr. Heribert Jürgens (clinical part) and Prof. Dr. Bernd Kaina (experimental part).

**Düsseldorf, 17.03.2011.** In the context of the 16th AEK Congress 2011, the German Cancer Society awarded the German Cancer Prize for the 26th time. This year, the distinction for outstanding scientific excellence, current and groundbreaking work in the field of oncology goes to Professor Prof. Dr. Axel Hauschild (Kiel) and Prof. Dr. Heribert Jürgens (Münster) for the clinical part and Prof. Dr. Bernd Kaina (Mainz) for the experimental part. The translational part was not awarded this year. Each prize category is endowed with prize money in the amount of 7,500 euros and is donated by Sanofi-Aventis, Amgen and Pfizer Oncology.

The 61 year-old Prof. Dr. Bernd Kaina from the Institute of Toxicology of the University Medical Centre in Mainz was awarded the German Cancer Prize 2011 for experimental high-quality scientific achievement. He is seen as a pioneer in the research of the underlying principles of genetics which are a key element in the research of the underlying principles of chemotherapy for various solid tumours. From this focus of his scientific work derive predictions for the therapy response in cancer patients, especially glioblastoma patients.

Prof. Dr. Axel Hauschild and Prof. Dr. Heribert receive the German Cancer Prize in the area of clinical research in 2011, for two similar outstanding accomplishments.

The 49 year-old Prof. Dr. Axel Hauschild from the clinic of Dermatology, Venerology and Allergology of the University Medical Centre in Kiel made a great contribution to the dermatologic Oncology through the development of interdisciplinary research activities.

He enjoys a high degree of both national and international recognition, particularly due to his scientific achievements in the treatment of cutaneous tumours and especially in the field of melanoma. Additionally, Prof. Hauschild is established as a more decisive initiator of interdisciplinary structures beyond the boundaries of his subject area, especially the development of clinical guidelines.

The 61 year-old Prof. Heribert Jürgens, Director of the clinic and polyclinic for children and youth medicine, paediatric hematology and oncology of the University Medical Centre in Münster is one of the leading experts in the treatment of children, teenagers and young adults with Ewing’s Tumour.

As initiator and leader of essential study projects, especially the study of the Ewing’s tumour, he provided relevant input to prognosis, treatment strategy, risk classification, the molecular pathology of the disease and strategies against relapsed osteosarcoma.
The German Cancer Society

The largest oncological network of experts in the German speaking area in which more than 6600 cancer experts work together in a multidisciplinary manner. Doctors and scientists investigate the fundamental mechanisms of the origins of cancer, develop new diagnostic methods and therapies, and improve prevention and follow-up of tumour diseases.