Changes within the Cooperation Program:

Since its foundation in 1976 the program has undergone a number of amendments and changes. 2005: Both project partners present their subprojects every year to the program committee, rather than every three years at a workshop. 2005: Applicants submit short pre-proposals from which full proposals are invited. 2008 - schools for young scientists are being held in Israel and Austria/Pichl every year alternately. Since 2008 calls were issued without Priority Topics, covering cancer research (without clinical trials). Starting 2009: Increase from 14 to 15 projects. In March 2013 the 35th Anniversary of the cooperation will be celebrated in Heidelberg.

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German-Israeli Cooperation in Cancer Research

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In 2006, the 30th Anniversary of the DKFZ-MOST cooperation in cancer research was celebrated with a ceremony and a German-Israeli Symposium (at the Weizmann Institute of Science and Tel Aviv University).

The program was originally founded for the establishment and enhancement of scientific collaboration in cancer research between Israeli and German scientists. This could be reached by:

◊ Collaborative work in the laboratories of both partners
◊ Exchange of know-how and expertise
◊ Exchange of experimental material
◊ Joint workshops and publications.

The joint scientific projects, running for three years, consist of an Israeli and a German subproject. The principal German investigator is generally from the DKFZ; the Israeli PI is from one of the following Israeli research institutions and universities: The Weizmann Institute of Science, Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Ben Gurion University, Bar Ilan University, Technion and others (Fig.1).

Topics of the cooperation program cover the entire research spectrum of the DKFZ.

In 2004 one of the principal investigators of a cooperation project, Aaron Ciechanover, received the Nobel Prize. Ciechanover's DKFZ-MOST project on ubiquitin-dependent proteolytic pathways was funded from 1998 to 2000.

Up to 2011, a total of 149 projects have been funded by the cooperation program. Their results have been published in more than 1100 papers (Fig. 2). The total grant for the Israeli and German subprojects amounted to 26.97 ME€ (to June 30, 2011) (Fig. 3). Because of the very successful performance, an international evaluation committee suggested to increase the number of ongoing projects from 14 to 15. This was realized in the new funding periods and financed by the DKFZ.

In December 2012 the 5th German-Israeli Cancer Research School will be held in Pichl, Austria, focusing on "Metabolism and Cancer". The scientific program was organized by Ari Elson and Stephan Herzig.