Karen E. Knudsen, Ph.D., Named New Editor-in-chief of AACR Journal Molecular Cancer Research

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PHILADELPHIA — The American Association for Cancer Research is pleased to announce Karen E. Knudsen, Ph.D., professor and Hilary Koprowski chair in the departments of cancer biology, urology and radiation oncology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, and deputy director for basic science of the NCI-designated Kimmel Cancer Center as the new editor-in-chief of *Molecular Cancer Research*, one of its seven major peer-reviewed journals.

“I am honored and excited for the opportunity to lead *Molecular Cancer Research*,” said Knudsen, who will serve as the journal’s editor-in-chief for five years. “I hope to establish the journal as the seat of outstanding basic research related to cancer.”

Knudsen will officially begin her term in January 2013.

Molecular Cancer Research is an online and print journal that publishes original, novel and well-designed studies on the molecular and cellular aspects of cancer biology. Papers selected for publication represent new information in basic research that has implications for cancer therapeutics in angiogenesis, metastasis or genomics. The first issue of the journal was published in November 2002.

“Dr. Knudsen brings a wealth of expertise to the position of editor-in-chief of *Molecular Cancer Research*,” said Margaret Foti, Ph.D., M.D. (h.c.), chief executive officer of the AACR. “We are confident that her experience with the peer review process, coupled with her extensive knowledge of basic cancer research, will build on the journal’s success and impact in the field.”

Knudsen’s scientific accomplishments include the authorship of more than 80 peer-reviewed publications in cancer and biomedical science journals. In addition, she has authored numerous book chapters focusing on transcription and cell cycle regulation in hormone-dependent cancers. Knudsen’s research interest is predominantly prostate cancer and the molecular mechanisms that underlie tumor progression.

Throughout her career, Knudsen has been involved in both national and international scientific committees, and has held numerous leadership roles in scientific publishing, including *Cancer Research*. She recently received the Excellence in Mentoring Award from Thomas Jefferson University, the Richard E. Weitzman Laureate Award from the Endocrine Society and the Ron Ross Award from the Pacific Rim Breast and Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Knudsen received her doctorate from the University of California, San Diego in 1996. She trained as a postdoctoral fellow at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer

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Knudsen served as assistant professor in the department of cell and cancer biology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine for five years and was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2005. Two years later she joined Thomas Jefferson University as an associate professor in the departments of cancer biology and urology. In 2010, Knudsen was promoted to professor, and in addition to her duties as the deputy director of the Kimmel Cancer Center, she currently serves as the program leader for the Kimmel Cancer Center Program in Biology of Prostate Cancer.

Knudsen succeeds Michael B. Kastan, M.D., Ph.D., executive director of the Duke Cancer Institute, as editor-in-chief of the journal.

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