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PREFACE

The Symposium on "Mechanisms of Immunological Tolerance", organized by the Institute of Experimental Biology and Genetics of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences was held at the House of Scientific Workers at Liblice near Prague on 8—10th November 1961.

The subject to which this Symposium was devoted is in fact very young. It was dealt with on an international occasion for the first time in 1956 (A discussion on immunological tolerance held on March 8, 1956 at the Royal Society, London). During the next five years, however, it was attacked experimentally at such a rate that it already underwent a phase of development which brought further specialization with it. This was also reflected by the fact that the transactions on the contemporary state in this field in 1961 were divided between two international symposia, the attention of the first of them being concentrated primarily on questions of transplantation immunity (Ciba Foundation Symposium on Transplantation) whereas this closely following second symposium dealt with questions of tolerance (transplantation tolerance as well as its other forms). Thus, this immediate sequence of two symposia whose subjects are so closely related is not due to the duplicity of organization but rather to the duality of reaction which a given antigen stimulus can induce under different conditions.

This volume contains all papers presented on the six main topics in their original sequence with the respective discussions of the special questions and concluding discussion of a more general nature.

Thanks for the leadership and moderation of the special discussions are due to the chairmen of the single topics or subtopics, who were successively Drs.: R. D. Owen, A. Bussard, L. A. Zilber, M. F. A. Woodruff, M. Simonsen, F. Albert and M. Feldman. Special thanks are due to Prof. P. B. Medawar for his very original and stimulating leadership of the general discussion.

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