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Preface

This volume contains thirty four contributions presented at the International Meeting on "Novel Biochemical, Pharmacological and Clinical Aspects of Cytidinediphosphocholine" held in Sorrento, Italy, 11-14 June 1984, under the auspices of the University of Naples First Medical School, the Italian Society of Biochemistry and the International Society for Neurochemistry.

Biochemistry has for long been the only scientific area dealing with cytidine coenzymes envisioned as metabolic intermediates and regulators of lipid metabolism. More recently, and mainly in the last decade, cytidinediphosphocholine has been used to treat a variety of pathological conditions chiefly related to the Central Nervous System and the elucidation of its action mechanism has also stimulated the interest of pharmacologists, neurochemists as well as neurosurgeons. Thus, the primary aim of the Meeting was to promote a productive exchange between scientists from different cultural areas of pure and applied research and to give them the opportunity to discuss problems of common interest approached from different scientific standpoints. We will consider our efforts worthwhile if the multidisciplinary nature of these proceedings will inform and stimulate the readers as much as it did those who participated at the Meeting. Moreover, we expect this book to encourage further research and understanding of the many aspects of this intriguing and complex area and to serve as a reference source for further investigation.

An important aspect of such a scientific meeting is the rapid publication of the proceedings. Through the cooperation of the authors in providing "camera-ready" copies of their manuscripts, the good efforts of the organizing committee and the Elsevier Science Publishing Co., it has been possible to publish this book within a few months of the Meeting.

Finally we recall with nostalgia Giuseppe Porcellati, whose untimely death has created an unfillable void in the scientific community. His outstanding accomplishments in the metabolism of phospholipids have greatly contributed to the development of neurochemical sciences.

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