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Preface

As is known but perhaps not always fully appreciated, human genetics was in a difficult situation after the Second World War in quite a number of countries. Among those who helped to make up for the deficiencies were Prof. M. Hauge and his colleagues in the Institute of Human Genetics, Copenhagen, who, with the active support of the World Health Organization (WHO), held courses on Human Genetics both in Copenhagen and abroad. The participants became not only teachers in medical schools but several of them became active research workers and contributed to the development of genetics.

By 1976 there were already quite a few scientists interested and it seemed to us that further progress in developing medical genetics in Hungary and in the neighbouring countries could best be served not by a new course on medical genetics but by collecting well-known experts, from home and abroad, who could survey the most quickly progressing fields in medical genetics and by creating an opportunity for all the interested researchers to show their own results on posters and discuss them.

We are indebted to WHO, the Hungarian Society of Human Genetics, the Postgraduate Medical School of Budapest, the University Medical School of Debrecen and the sponsors of the Symposium. With this help a Symposium on Medical Genetics was decided on by the Hungarian Society of Human Genetics. Scientists from 22 countries came to take part in the work of the meeting on the following four topics: chromosome mapping and clinical cytogenetics; population genetics and congenital malformations; prenatal diagnosis and genetic counselling; haemoglobinopathies and immunogenetics. There were 59 lectures and 97 contributions as posters. A book of Abstracts had been published by the time of the opening of the Symposium. The Symposium on Medical Genetics took place at Debrecen–Hajdúszoboszló (Hungary), on April 27–29, 1976. Participants were also requested to submit their delivered papers. In the present book 109 papers are included in the same form as they were submitted by the authors, with a few exceptions of corrections of a technical nature.

We hope that the papers of this volume will serve the advancement of medical genetics and help teachers and students in their daily work.

The Editors

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