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Preface

The IIIrd International Symposium Radionuclides in Nephrology was held in Berlin on April, 1.-3. 1974 under the sponsorship of the Ministerium für Forschung und Technologie of the Federal Republic of Germany. This meeting was attended by 130 participants from 18 different nations and was organized by Dr. Karl zum Winkel (Germany) the chairman of the scientific committee, which included Dr. M. Blaufox (USA), Dr. J.-L. Funck-Brentano (France), Dr. A. Joekes (Great Britain), Dr. T. Minami (Japan), Dr. O. Munck (Denmark) and Dr. R. Nagel (Germany).

The first international meeting devoted to Radionuclides in Nephrology was held in Liege, Belgium (1968).

The continued interest in this subject of research and clinical application led to the second meeting in New York City (USA, 1971) and warrants periodic international meeting of scientists working in this area.

Many types of inquiry in clinical and basic sciences are important for the maintenance and development of sound standards for the use of radionuclides in nephrology. Therefore, the program of the meeting covered a wide range of topics: Renal blood flow, Functional and morphological studies, Radioimmunoassay, Renal transplantation, Renal handling of radioactive compounds, Metabolic studies in renal disease and Clearance determinations.

During the last decade nuclear medicine has been the fortunate recipient of the benefits of a rapidly improving technology and impressive progress in biochemical methodology. The overwhelming variety of methods presently used in kidney research was demonstrated at the symposium. The techniques included electron microscopy, kidney microdissection, radioimmunoassay, autoradiography, ultrasonography, clearance determinations, kinetic analysis of radiopharmaceuticals and computational data processing.

We all look forward to the further progress which will be reviewed at the next Symposium 1977 in Boston (USA) under the chairmanship of Dr. N. Hollenberg and the co-chairmanship of Dr. O. Munck. We hope, that the proceedings of the Symposium will be useful to scientists and physicians who did not have the opportunity to come to Berlin, and that they will promote the understanding of this exciting field. We are indebted to all of the contributors to the symposium. Their promptness and cooperation have made it possible to complete this text within a short time.

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Part I

Renal Blood Flow

In this first of 7 sections basic and clinical informations concerning renal blood flow are presented. The interest of many authors is directed toward intrarenal blood flow distribution, which can be assessed with radionuclide labelled microspheres. Renal blood flow and its intrarenal distribution were examined under the influence of various factors, including vasoactive pharmaceuticals, hormones and alterations of extracellular volume and sodium homeostasis. Kidney lymph drainage measured with I-131-plasma albumin, has also proven to be susceptible to study.