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Preface

This book represents the proceedings of the Second European Symposium sponsored by the British Heart Foundation. It was held in London from June 15th–17th, 1977, and was designed to encompass some of the growing points in Paediatric Cardiology. Each of the speakers was invited as an expert in a particular aspect of a given topic, and the programme was designed to cover each topic from developmental, morphological, physiological, investigatory and surgical aspects. The programme was arranged by ourselves, so that any deficiencies in either the programme or in these proceedings are our responsibility. For this book, we asked each of the speakers to write a manuscript of his talk, but indicated that where he wished, he could take the opportunity of expanding his presentation. A brief perusal of the completed book will suffice to show that most contributors took full advantage of this suggestion. The work presented was, in most instances, joint work. The contribution of co-workers is shown at the beginning of each chapter and they are named in the list of collaborators. Those named in the list of contributors are the invited speakers.

When we initially invited speakers, we were bold enough to suggest a guide-line for terminology, which followed our own preferences described in detail in the first section of this book. We were gratified that most authors were happy to comply with this suggestion. Where other terminologies obtruded into the submitted manuscripts, we took editorial license, and corrected them to our desired terminology, having already 'cleared' this procedure with the author. Any strong objections are indicated by appropriate footnotes.

We used free editorial license in preparing the material for publication and hope the finished product reads with a fair degree of uniformity. We apologize to any authors who may not now recognize their own work!

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