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PREFACE

The idea to hold this Symposium was that of John Tooze, the Secretary of the Committee on Genetic Experimentation (COGENE) of the International Council of Scientific Unions. The suggestion was adopted by COGENE and a cosponsor was found in the Italian National Research Council (CNR), a national member of the International Council of Scientific Unions. We are most grateful for their financial support and for providing the premises where the Symposium took place, namely the Council's Rome headquarters. In particular we thank Ernesto Quagliariello, the President of the Council.

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We hope that this permanent record of the Symposium will serve as a comprehensive record of the critical transition of genetic experimentation into biotechnology as it looked in 1981, and that we will be seen to be fulfilling some of COGENE's important missions, which are "to review, evaluate and make available information on the practical and scientific benefits of genetic experimentation for the benefit of governments, inter-governmental agencies, scientific groups and individuals, by providing a forum through which interested national, regional and other international bodies may communicate".

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