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Preface

The Sixth International Symposium of Paediatric Nephrology took place between 29 August and 2 September 1983 in Hannover, Federal Republic of Germany. It was organized on behalf of the International Paediatric Nephrology Association (IPNA), and sponsored by the regional societies of paediatric nephrology, i.e. the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ASPN), the European Society of Paediatric Nephrology (ESPN), the Japanese Society of Pediatric Nephrology (JSPN) and the Latin American Society of Pediatric Nephrology (ALANEPE). The five international meetings preceding the Hannover symposium were held in Guadalajara 1968 (G. Gordillo-Paniagua), Paris 1971 (P. Royer, R. Habib, H. Mathieu), Washington 1974 (P. L. Calcagno, C. E. Hollerman), Helsinki 1977 (N. Hallman, O. Koskimies) and Philadelphia 1980 (A. B. Gruskin, M. E. Norman).

The scientific programme of the Hannover meeting was a reflection of the many suggestions brought before the Programme Content Committee. It consisted of plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, short communications and posters. The lecturers at the plenary sessions were invited by the President according to the topics selected by the Programme Content Committee. The symposia dealing with special aspects of paediatric nephrology were organized in a combined effort by chairpersons selected as experts in the topic concerned and by the President. This volume contains all the papers from the four plenary sessions and 95% of the symposia presentations. We are especially grateful to all the invited speakers, not only for giving excellent talks but also for delivering their manuscripts promptly and thus making it possible to publish the proceedings immediately after the Symposium came to an end. In so doing, they all contributed enormously to the scientific and lasting success of the 6th International Symposium of Paediatric Nephrology.

The contributions of the workshops, the free communications and the posters all directly reflect the genuine world-wide activity in paediatric nephrology. They were selected from the abstracts delivered to the Programme Content Committee and appeared as abstracts in the *European Journal of Pediatrics* 140: 141–218 (1983).

The Proceedings and Abstracts therefore document the state of the art of paediatric nephrology in 1983. It is hoped that this volume will reach everybody who is interested in paediatric nephrology and has to care for children with renal diseases.

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