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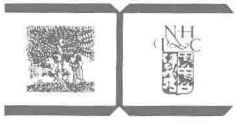

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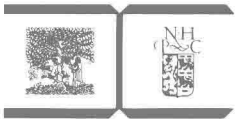

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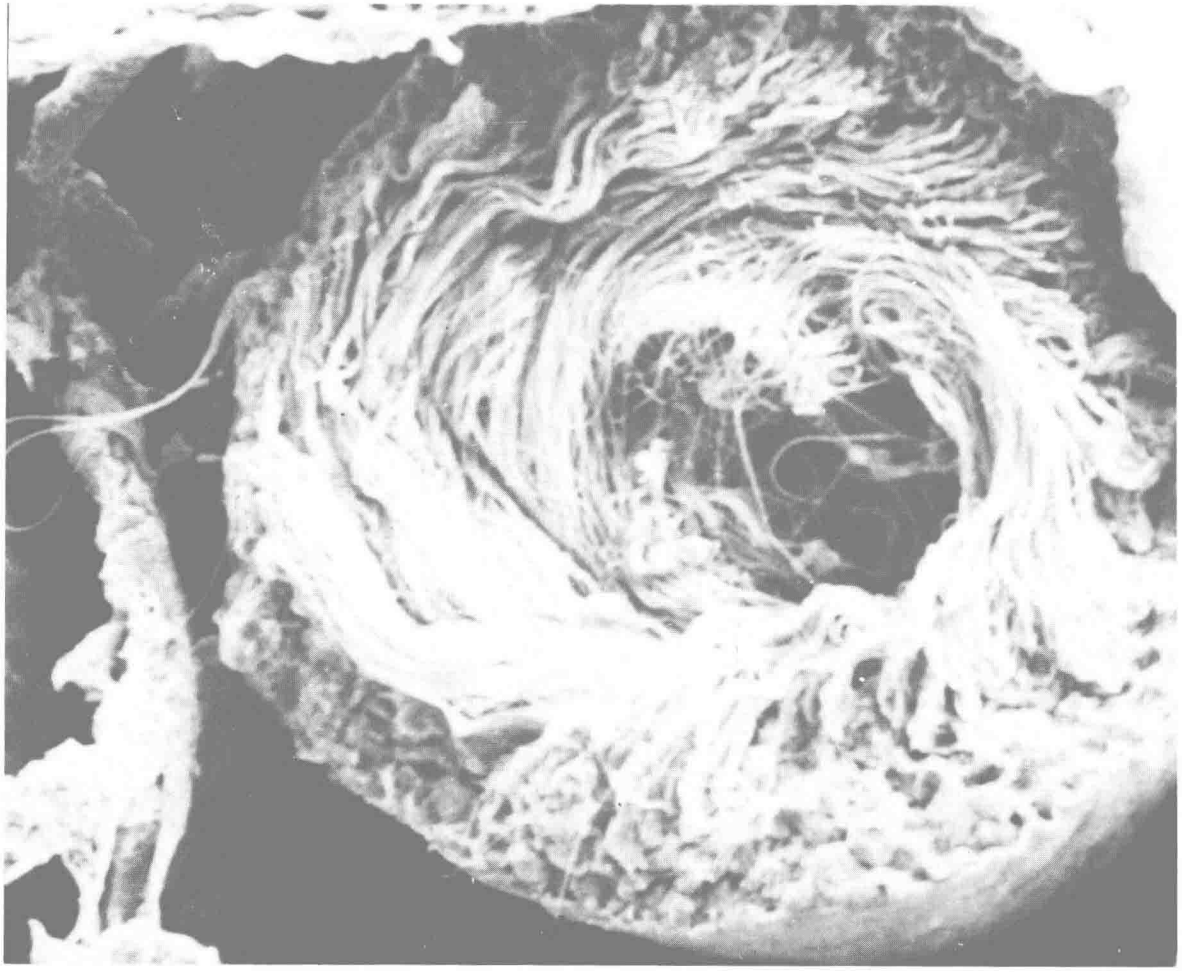

Preface

During the past decade, substantial work has been done on the male accessory sex glands. Since the observations have been published in many different journals, it seemed appropriate to bring together and summarize some of the pertinent findings in a single volume.

Fifty-eight scientists and clinicians from fourteen countries have contributed to this book. They have reviewed the literature and presented their own, new observations on the developmental, anatomical, physiological, biochemical, pathological, immunological and surgical aspects of human male accessory sex gland structure and function. In addition, several contributors have evaluated the usefulness of certain animals as models for systematically studying specific aspects of accessory gland function and disease.

It is our hope that this volume will serve as a useful summary and reference for those working in this area – that it will encourage further research on the role of these glands in human reproduction, the maintenance of health, and the prevention and treatment of diseases of men throughout the world.

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