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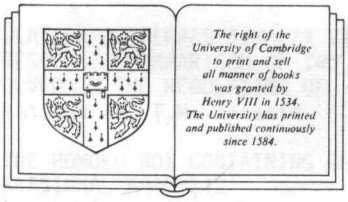

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Preface

This volume brings together the invited lectures of the Fourth Federation of Asian and Oceanian Biochemists (FAOB) Congress and of the Satellite Symposium on Molecular and Protein Engineering which took place in Singapore from November 30th to December 7th, 1986.

The Federation of Asian and Oceanian Biochemists was formed in 1972 as the grouping of Biochemical Societies of Australia, Bangladesh, China (Beijing), China (Taipei), Hawaii, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. It is an Associated Organization of the International Union of Biochemistry (IUB) from which it receives substantial financial support. The Fourth FAOB Congress was organized and hosted by the Singapore Biochemical Society with additional support from the Science Council of Singapore, the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Turf Club. The Satellite Symposium on Molecular and Protein Engineering received generous support from the IUB Committee on Symposia (Symposium No. 157) and the IUB Interest Group on Gene Organization and Expression.

The Fourth FAOB Congress was an opportunity to take the pulse of some growing areas of research in biochemistry and molecular biology. These areas include signalling and regulatory molecules, gene structure and function, growth factors, oncogenes, energy transduction, molecular mechanisms of disease, design of macromolecules and recent advances in research methods.

The timely publication of this volume from camera ready copy provided by the authors is a measure of the efficiency of the publisher and owes much to the help and advice extended to the organizers by Dr. W.J. Whelan, Chairman of the ICSU Press.

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