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Foreword

The decision that pyelonephritis was a proper subject for an International Symposium was based on the renewed interest in this disease, as evidenced by the increasing number of contributions from many investigators, representing different disciplines.

With the approval of the staff of the Henry Ford Hospital, the Local Program Committee was formed, and enlisted the aid of the members of the Advisory Committee, consisting of recognized authorities in this field. The results of the deliberations of this committee are set forth in the Contents of this publication.

An early decision of the Program Committee was to explore certain areas of inquiry in a relatively systematic manner. The major areas selected included origin, development, structure, function, and distribution — and these by definition characterize the science of biology. Thus the title of this Symposium was formulated.

Next, the consideration of specific participants was undertaken with the full realization that it would be impossible to include many who had made significant contributions to the study of pyelonephritis. We trust, however, that those essayists who agreed to present their material at this forum have provided food for thought, and have suggested new lines of investigation, or possibly given a new understanding to the interrelationships of the various aspects of the biology of pyelonephritis.

Finally, the provision of adequate time for general discussion was agreed to be of major importance and the program was so oriented.

It is therefore the hope of the Henry Ford Hospital staff and of the Program and Advisory Committees that those individuals who attended the three-day session and those who read the published volume of the proceedings will find something that is informative, stimulating and of scientific and personal value.

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