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PREFACE

- The International Thyroid Symposium was held at the Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo between July 13–15, 1988, a few days before the 8th International Congress of Endocrinology, Kyoto. The purpose of the Symposium was to discuss in a friendly and informal atmosphere all aspects pertaining to the thyroid. More than 300 thyroidologists from 29 countries attended the meeting.

It is not unusual that several thyroid-related satellite symposia are held simultaneously around the International Congress of Endocrinology. Various Japanese thyroidologists and the Japan Thyroid Association were also very keen to welcome thyroidologists from all over the world and, therefore, several of us who wanted to hold different satellite symposia in their respective cities, discussed the matter extensively. Finally, all concerned, including the Japan Thyroid Association, agreed to have only one symposium in Tokyo. The International Thyroid Symposium, therefore, covered several topics such as (1) Autoimmunity, (2) Iodine and thyroid, (3) Thyroid hormone actions and metabolism, (4) Thyroid diseases, (5) Thyroid growth and cancer, (6) Thyroid cell biology, and (7) Thyroglobulin, and the organizing committee consisted of those who had proposed the different symposia in their cities.

The number of papers presented at the Symposium was 156 and most of these are included in this proceedings volume. The organizing committee wished very much to have one special lecture by Dr. Sidney H. Ingbar on the future trends in thyroidology, but to our great regret, he could not attend the Symposium because of illness. However, he was kind enough to send us the manuscript of the planned presentation and this has been included in this proceedings. We would like to express our cordial thanks to Dr. Ingbar.

Hitherto, many proceedings of International Thyroid Congresses and the Congresses of sister societies have been published. During 1988, however, no such publication seems to have appeared and hence this volume is entitled 'The Thyroid 1988'.

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