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PREFACE

In recent years, a number of changes have taken place in the evolution of the study of vascular diseases. This is due to the repercussion of new discoveries which make way for deeper knowledge and also new technical means which, in turn, lead research beyond our present limits.

These two volumes comprise the plenary lectures and part of the papers presented at the Symposia and Scientific Sessions of the 15th World Congress of the International Union of Angiology. Thus, they focus on the most recent progress in pathophysiology, diagnostic methodology, and clinical and therapeutic aspects of vascular diseases which are analysed from an interdisciplinary point of view.

To reward, in a manner of speaking, the authors who submitted their contributions by the given deadline, we made every effort together with the publisher, Elsevier, to ensure the availability of these two volumes at the beginning of the congress. However, at the time of putting the papers into sequence, it was found that some sessions were incomplete, and some of these papers could not be included in either of these two volumes. In view of this, and in order to offer a thorough and up-to-date review of the state of art in angiology, we have decided to produce a third volume, which will contain the remaining manuscripts, planned for publication in the shortest possible time after the meeting.

These proceedings are dedicated to the scientists dealing with a large number of disciplines, these being not only angiologists and vascular surgeons, but also internists, general surgeons, radiologists, pharmacologists, biochemists and pathologists, who are contributing to the ongoing progress in angiology. The main characteristics of these volumes are the wide range of topics and the presentation of the most recent knowledge acquired in the field of angiology.

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