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IV SIMPÓSIO INTERNACIONAL DE ESQUISTOSSOMOSE IV INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS

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FOREWORD

It was with great that Oswaldo Cruz Institute, FIOCRUZ, Rio de Janeiro, hosted the Fourth International Symposium on Schistosomiasis between November 29th and December 3th, 1993. The place of importance that this Symposium has gained in the calendar of both basic research workers as well as those actively concerned with the control of schistosomiasis was evidenced by the numbers of delegates that attended from all parts of the world. It was a tremendous pleasure to welcome so many of our friends and colleagues to Brazil and to have the opportunity to exchange data and views both within the formal conference proceedings and in the more relaxed environs of Copacabana. The Symposium programme consisted of conferences, round tables, short presentations and posters and covered topics ranging from control strategies and socio-economic aspects of schistosomiasis to discussion of candidate vaccine antigens and the structure and content of the parasite genome. This volume of the "Memorias" contains the written counterparts of the oral presentations made during the Symposium and hears ample witness, we believe, to the breadth and quality of current research in the area of schistosomiasis.

A novel feature of the Symposium in Rio de Janeiro was the presentation of the "José Pellegrino Award" for the best graduate thesis undertaken over the last two years in Brazil. This award honours one of Brazil's most distinguished researchers in the area of schistosomiasis and is intendend to become a permanent feature of the Symposium series.

We would like to thank all those who helped to make the Symposium such a success by their presence and in many cases the efforts that were undertaken not only to travel significant distances to be with us but also to find the funding to do so. In addition, we are indebted to all those participants who have written the papers contained in this volume.

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