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OSWALDO CRUZ**

PROCEEDINGS:



**SIMPÓSIO INTERNACIONAL DE ESQUISTOSSOMOSE
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS**

**REUNIÃO NACIONAL DE ESQUISTOSSOMOSE
NATIONAL MEETING ON SCHISTOSOMIASIS**

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FOREWORD

We would like to wellcome all participants to the 2nd International Symposium on Schistosomiasis and II^a Reunião Nacional de Esquistossomose.

This is a unique experience where brazilian and foreign experts, from all over the world in the field of schistosomiasis, have the opportunity to change experience, facts and feelings.

After the success of the well organized and profitable 1st International Symposium on Schistosomiasis and the I^a Reunião Nacional de Esquistossomose, our responsibility for these ones, increased sharply. The economic difficulties of our Country, associated with the lack of money designated for research in this field by many international and national agencies, make the organization of these meetings very difficult. Nevertheless, we are confident that, due to the presence of the high qualified scientists and public health officers with large experience and contributions in the field of schistosomiasis, these meetings will help in the solution of this very important endemic disease.

In these meetings will be focused control and epidemiology of schistosomiasis, although the other fields of knowlewdge will be also contemplated, such as malacology, immunology, therapy, molecular biology, etc. The 5 conferences, 9 round-tables with 54 participants, and the about 100 posters, besides the opportunity of free discussions, are indicating that these meetings will be very valuable.

Many thanks to all participants, to the Organizing Committee that worked very hard with "spirit du corps," and special gratutide to Prof. Sergio Arouca, former president and Dr. Akira Homma, actual President of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation and to Prof. Carlos Morel, our Vice-President for Research, for the total confidence and support.

We hope that the results of these meetings will be the increase in knowledge and in friendship among people working with the same objectives, the better understanding of the schistosomiasis problem and the success in the control of this important endemic disease.

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