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FOREWORD OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON  
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The International Symposium on Schistosomiasis and I Reunião Nacional de Esquistossomose held in Rio de Janeiro intended to promote the interchange of information and the establishment of cooperation programmes with scientists of the whole World, to stimulate the interest of students on the subject and to allow the redefinition of research priorities and alternative strategies for the control of the disease in Brazil.

The important communications pronounced during the Symposium allowed the publication of this special issue of the *Memórias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz*, containing 70 papers (original articles, conferences and proceedings) which will be useful to a better understanding of different aspects of the schistosomiasis, such as Therapeutic, Clinic, Immunology, Pathology, Epidemiology and Control, Biology, Biochemistry and Health Education. The multidisciplinary approach of the meeting was enriched also by communications on others helminthiasis.

The meeting worked as a favorable environment to promote several collaborative projects and intense interactions that took place among foreign and Brazilian researchers on the subject.

The results are the expression of having reached our purposes and the success came from the scientific quality achieved by the participants.

The Organizing Committee, thanks the contribution of each one of the participants and the support sponsored by public and private institutions.

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