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FOREWORD

The *International Symposium on Insect Physiology, Biochemistry and Control*, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 10-13 November 1987, was the last of a series of international meetings that The Oswaldo Cruz Institute and The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation organized in the biennium 1986-1987 and published as special issues of the *Memórias do Instituto Oswaldo Cruz*. These meetings, which included the "International Symposium on Malaria", the "International Symposium on Immunomodulators: Biology and Therapeutic Applications" and the "International Symposium on Schistosomiasis", represented a major step in the strengthening of our national and international links and in the development of our research groups and projects in such important fields.

In the last decades, several important and complementary scientific discoveries gave a new power to biological research. We can now reexamine traditional problems with the new glasses of applied molecular biology, without abandoning the faithful old spectacles of classical biological research. Similarly to the opening of Russian pupets, the investigation of the biological world with the new tools can bring us surprise and novelty.

It was with these thoughts in mind that this Symposium was convened, and the organizers made the right blending of approaches, themes and results. From its opening session, when we could hear Carroll Williams, from the Biological Laboratories Harvard University, Tore Godal, Director of the UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), the Minister of Health of Brazil, Deputy Borges da Silveira, and Prof. Sergio Arouca, President of Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, until the unforgettable farewell party at the Institute's Castle, the Symposium was an undoubtful success which we were proud to host.

To the organizers of this Symposium, Drs. Eloi S. Garcia (The Oswaldo Cruz Institute), Walter R. Terra (University of São Paulo), André F. Furtado (Centro de Pesquisas Aggeu Magalhães, FIOCRUZ/Recife) and José Marcos C. Ribeiro (University of Harvard), our gratitude for the excellency of their work. To the authors and to the Guest and Regular Editors of the *Memórias*, our thanks for the effort that made possible the publication of this volume six months after the closing of the Symposium. It was a real pleasure and an honor for our Institution to host this event, and we remain open to new opportunities to help our national and international colleagues meet and discuss relevant themes of basic and applied biological and biomedical research.

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