

## Preface

This X International Symposium on Viral Hepatitis (Madrid, January 23–24, 2003) was a special one because this was our first meeting without Prof. Sherlock. In the previous symposium (Madrid, January 2000) Prof. Sherlock advised us to continue celebrating our meeting, since she considered that it was very creative and educational. During this X Symposium there was a specially friendly atmosphere with a high number of interventions after every lecture. Hot topics in viral hepatitis were discussed without any restrictions. I personally learned a lot and I believe that this was extensive for all the participants. I really think that Prof. Sherlock would have enjoyed this meeting and I look

forward for the next one, hoping to reach a similar scientific level.

Finally, I would like to thank to all the invited speakers and most specially to those who have contributed with their manuscript, making it feasible the publication of this Proceedings of the X International Symposium on Viral Hepatitis. Also, I want to extend my gratefulness to all the participants.

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