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Editorial note.

In the Swiss Society for Microbiology scientists from diverse sectors of microbiology combine to promote the development of this discipline and to exchange information. The Society, founded in 1942, comprises at present 387 individual members and 52 collective members. Human- and veterinary microbiologists, general and molecular biologists and industrial microbiologists form the main body of the Society and carry out the main activities. The Society is active in the following ways:

- a) a yearly meeting is organized in different parts of Switzerland,
- b) the Society represents microbiology in national and international associations,
- c) working commissions are established for specific problems (e.g. disinfection and disinfectants; standardisation of microbial tests; non-medical use of antibiotics) and,
- d) the Society organizes special training courses for microbiologists.

The annual meetings include an administrative session, main lectures of invited speakers and short communications. The general theme of the meeting changes from year to year. One year, a specific topic like immunology is taken as the general theme. Another year it may be the activities in microbiology of a certain region or town, which characterize the meeting. In 1976 the general theme was 'Perspectives in Microbiology'. The goal was to visualize the future developments in selected areas of microbiology. The reports of the 1976 annual meeting are printed in this issue.

This is the first year that the annual reports of the Swiss Society for Microbiology are printed in *Experientia*. Before that the 'Zeitschrift für experimentelle Bakteriologie und Mikrobiologie', later called 'Pathologia et Microbiologia', was the official journal of the Society. The change to *Experientia* became desirable, due to a broadening in the activities of the Society and because the publication of 'Pathologia et Microbiologia' was discontinued.

We look forward to a good and fruitful cooperation between the Birkhäuser-Verlag with *Experientia* and the Swiss Society for Microbiology.

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