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F O R E W O R D

This book contains the lectures, communications and posters presented at the 7th Round Table Symposium on Nucleosides, Nucleotides and their Biological Application held on Sept. 30 - Oct. 3, 1986, at the University of Konstanz, Konstanz/West Germany.

The first meeting of this series of International Symposia was held in 1975 at Montpellier/France and attracts ever since more scientists interested in this area of research as seen from the 200 participants from 25 different countries.

The original concept in bringing together as many scientists as possible interested in both the chemical and biological aspects of Nucleosides, Nucleotides and their Biooligomers and Polymers is still very attractive and will guarantee other successful meetings in the future.

The next Round Table Symposium will be held in the USA in 1988 and it is hoped that the high international standard can be preserved or even extended into new dimensions.

We hope that the information presented in this book will be useful to everyone interested in nucleic acid chemistry and biochemistry and that this volume will be used extensively as a reference book.

I also would like to express my gratitude to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, The Ministerium für Wissenschaft und Kunst des Landes Baden-Württemberg, The University of Konstanz

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The Editor.