This article was downloaded by:

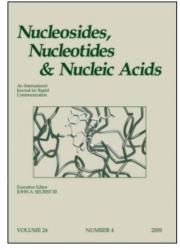
On: 26 January 2011

Access details: Access Details: Free Access

Publisher Taylor & Francis

Informa Ltd Registered in England and Wales Registered Number: 1072954 Registered office: Mortimer House, 37-

41 Mortimer Street, London W1T 3JH, UK



Nucleosides, Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids

Publication details, including instructions for authors and subscription information: http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t713597286

Preface

Gilles Gosselin

To cite this Article Gosselin, Gilles (1999) 'Preface', Nucleosides, Nucleotides and Nucleic Acids, 18: 4, xxxix — xl To link to this Article: DOI: 10.1080/15257779908041485

URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/15257779908041485

PLEASE SCROLL DOWN FOR ARTICLE

Full terms and conditions of use: http://www.informaworld.com/terms-and-conditions-of-access.pdf

This article may be used for research, teaching and private study purposes. Any substantial or systematic reproduction, re-distribution, re-selling, loan or sub-licensing, systematic supply or distribution in any form to anyone is expressly forbidden.

The publisher does not give any warranty express or implied or make any representation that the contents will be complete or accurate or up to date. The accuracy of any instructions, formulae and drug doses should be independently verified with primary sources. The publisher shall not be liable for any loss, actions, claims, proceedings, demand or costs or damages whatsoever or howsoever caused arising directly or indirectly in connection with or arising out of the use of this material.

PREFACE

This special issue of *Nucleosides & Nucleotides* contains the Proceedings of the XIII International Round Table on Nucleosides, Nucleotides and their Biological Applications which was held on September 6-10, 1998 at « LE CORUM », a Congress Center located in the heart of Montpellier, a sunny historical city on the French Mediterranean region.

As chairmen of the XIII International Round Table, Drs Gilles Gosselin and Bernard Rayner were pleased to dedicate the conference to Prof. Jean-Louis Imbach and Prof. Leroy B. Townsend who are the « fathers » of the first and second Round Tables, held in Montpellier on October 28-30 1974 and in San Francisco on August 30 - September 1, 1976, respectively. Also, they would like to remember Sir Derek Barton, who was a member of the XIII International Round Table International Committee, as well as Profs Gordon Shaw and Richard T. Walker, both of them having significantly contributed to the development of various Nucleic Acid fields.

The XIII International Round Table has gathered more than 600 participants coming from 34 countries. Participants wishing to present a poster or an oral communication were requested to submit an abstract. From all the submitted abstracts, 411 were accepted for poster presentations and 26 for oral presentations, in addition to these presentations were 11 plenary lectures. Most of the presenting participants chose to contribute papers for these Proceedings, papers covering the whole area of nucleosides, nucleotides and oligonucleotides, concerning the state of the art of the chemistry, structural

xl PREFACE

aspect, various properties and, biological and chemotherapeutic applications of nucleic acid component derivatives.

During the conference, awards have been made to four presenting students or young investigators for innovative works displayed as poster. The award-winners, two in the field of Nucleosides-Nucleotides (Mrs A. Esposito, Università di Sassari, Italy and Dr. N. E. Fahmi, University of Hull, UK) and two in the field of Oligonucleotides (Dr. A. Bryant-Fiedrich, University of Basel, Switzerland and Mr. P. Potier, Faculté de Pharmacie de Strasbourg, France) were selected by Committees of Senior Scientists.

As one of the Organizers of the XIII International Round Table, I would like to point out that many supports contributed to the success of this Conference. In this regard, generous sponsorships from numerous Statutory Organizations and from Chemical and Pharmaceutical Companies were absolutely essential. I wish to thank Mrs Marie-Christine Bergogne especially for her excellent administrative work, as well as all the individuals of the International and Local Committees who efficiently helped to the organization of the scientific program and social events.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the speakers and poster presenting scientists for the relevance and high quality of their displayed works.

And I express my best wishes for the XIV International Round Table to be Organized by Drs Norbert Bischofberger and John Martin in San Francisco, California, USA in September 10-14, 2000.

Dr. Gilles Gosselin

Souther