## **Preface**

The papers in this volume represent the proceedings of the First Congress of the International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism which was held at the Institut für Pharmakologie und Toxikologie of the University of Munich, Germany in July, 1982. The purpose of this meeting was to bring together experts from a wide variety of disciplines in an attempt to gain clarity and insight into many unanswered questions in the biomedical field of alcohol research. The 105 contributions represent the "cutting edge" of biomedical information on alcohol studies and should serve the international research community well.

The papers in this volume are divided into thirteen major subgroups arranged in order of increasing biological complexity from membrane structure to behavior.

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