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The selected short reviews summarize some important topics discussed by the invited lecturers. Thus, the papers presented in this volume cover a broad but well-balanced spectrum of major topics in the various fields of nephrology, such as physiology, clinical nephrology, immunology, transplantation, and electrolyte metabolism.

We hope this meeting will strengthen the existing bonds between Austrian, Dutch, German and Swiss nephrologists, and will set the stage for further syn-ergistic meetings of scientists from various European nations.

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