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Foreword
Dedicated to the memory of Emil Witschi

This is the 4th International Seminar held at the Faculty of Medicine of the Université Libre de Bruxelles under the general title of ‘Reproductive Physiology and Sexual Endocrinology.’ The subject, hormones and antagonists, is self-explanatory.

For a number of years, means have been investigated to antagonize at several levels the hormones intervening in biological processes, particularly reproduction. Ideally, hormones could specifically be antagonized at their production site, at their transport mechanism and/or at the level of the target organ or cell.

Studying these possibilities of antagonizing leads to new ideas and already to new approaches towards the control of reproductive functions based on more specifically directed pharmacological actions than those currently in use.

It was at least with this hope that the contributors to this Seminar were invited to relate their work and to discuss among themselves and with the others attending, its possible bearing on the control of pregnancy.

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