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Short History of the World Committee for Comparative Leukemia Research

The aim of the World Committee for Comparative Leukemia Research has from its establishment in Hanover 1963 been to promote the co-operation and co-ordination of the study of leukemia in animals and man. This is done by arranging symposia every second year and by editing a newsletter, which is sent to all leukemia research workers at regular intervals. Until now five newsletters have been circulated. The Secretariate — at present situated in Copenhagen — has been designated a ‘WHO Collaboration Centre for Co-ordination of Comparative Studies on Leukemia’, acting as an information and study centre, especially on the epidemiology of leukemia in domestic animals. The first symposium in Hanover 1963 was documented by the compilation and distribution of working documents for all participants. This work was done by Prof. Dr. G. Rosenberger. The report was, however, not published in print. The second symposium took place in Stockholm 1965, and the proceedings were published by Pergamon Press under the title ‘Comparative Leukemia Research’, edited by Dr. G. Winqvist. The third symposium was held in Paris 1967. The proceedings are now being published by S. Karger, Basel/New York in the ‘Bibliotheca Haematologica’, edited by Dr. H.J. Bendixen. It is the plan to have future symposia proceedings published in the same series. The fourth symposium will be held in the USA. The committee consists of the following members:

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Preface

The World Committee for Comparative Leukemia Research was formed in Hanover 1963 in order to promote contact between research workers in the field of leukemia of animals and man. One of the aims is at regular intervals to send out newsletters reporting the results of recent works, another objective is to arrange International Symposia every second year. The 1967 Symposium in Paris was the third since the start of the activities of the Committee. It has been regarded important to have all papers published, as it was done after the second symposium in Stockholm 1965 in the Wenner-Gren Center International Symposium Series (volume 6) by Pergamon Press. The symposium was held under the auspices of the World Comparative Leukemia Research, Paris 1967, are now published by S. Karger, Basel, in Bibliotheca Haematologica. It is edited by the World Committee, and it is the intention to have all future symposia proceedings published in the Bibliotheca Haematologica series of S. Karger.

One of the more important purposes of the symposia for comparative leukemia research is to confront the works of different and often rather distant disciplins in the hope that this may result in inspiration for development of new working hypotheses and introduction of comparable working methods. Most participants felt that this was accomplished at the meeting in Paris, and it is my pleasant duty to thank Prof. Dr. Ch. Lombard, President, Prof. Dr. H. Drieux and Prof. Dr. M. Boiron, Vicepresidents, and Prof. Dr. A. Parodi, Secretary of the organizing committee for the excellent way they rendered possible the realization of the Paris Symposium. The chairmen of the sessions as well as the authors and the discussants of the papers all contributed to the exciting and live atmosphere during the meeting, which is reflected in the papers and discussions brought in this publication.

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