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Foreword

This Symposium was organized to get an overview of the current state of knowledge in a highly specialized area of reproductive biology which has a direct bearing on the present-day problem of population overgrowth. The other main purpose of this international meeting was to identify promising new leads for the development of a new generation of contraceptives which would be as effective as the oral contraceptives but without their side-effects. Both these aspects are dealt with in the papers prepared by some of the eminent investigators from different parts of the world.

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