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Preface

The First Canadian Workshop and Conference on Platelet Serology had shown that there was a great deal of interest for meetings of this nature and on this topic. Also, the publication of the Proceedings in Current Studies in Hematology and Blood Transfusion has been very well received.
It is therefore a pleasure to introduce the Proceedings of the Second Workshop and Conference on Platelet Serology. The meeting was held in early January 1987 in Ottawa, Canada, and proved to be a great success. It was a unique occasion to hear about the more recent advances in the role of the platelet membrane as an immunologic target. As well, controversial topics were addressed in the field of Platelet Utilization and Clinical Management of Neonatal Alloimmune Thrombocytopenia. In view of the increasing tendency toward specialization in medicine and the biological sciences, a conference like this one permits interdisciplinary interaction and advancements in knowledge both basic and clinical.

I wish to thank the organizers of this meeting, Drs. F. Décary and G. Rock, who were able to transform these two days of discussions into an enjoyable time. This meeting was made possible through significant financial support of the Research and Development Committee of the Canadian Red Cross. Financial contributions from Chembio Med. Canada and Health and Welfare Canada are also acknowledged. I wish the readers a pleasant journey through this book.

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