## **Foreword**

The interest in the epipodophyllotoxins etoposide and teniposide as antitumour agents is now so great that it was felt that the time had come to bring together individuals with experience of these drugs to present and discuss their work. The First International Symposium on The Podophyllotoxins in Cancer Therapy was held at the University of Southampton, England on the 8th and 9th July, 1981 and was organised by the Cancer Research Campaign and Wessex Regional Oncology Unit (Professor J. M. Whitehouse). The organising Secretary was Dr. A. M. Arnold to whom our thanks are due for the high level of organisation and the smooth running of the programme. The meeting was generously sponsored by the Mead Johnson Division of the Bristol Myers Company.

This edition of Cancer Chemotherapy and Pharmacology contains abstracts of the presentation and a selection of papers and short reports on etoposide and teniposide – two important drugs which have now found a secure place in the chemotherapeutic repertoire.

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