

## Preface

The Society for Free Radical Research held its Third Biennial General Meeting at the University of Düsseldorf, West Germany, 20-23, July 1986. It was held as an open international meeting on free radicals in chemistry, biology and medicine. The meeting was organised with the help of Professors Hermann Esterbauer, Graz; Dieter Schulte-Frohlinde, Mülheim; and Anton Stier, Göttingen; and comprised five sessions as follows: Session I: Radical Reactivity and DNA Damage (Chairman D. Schulte-Frohlinde, Mülheim), Session II: Radicals in Clinical Medicine (Chairman L. Flohé Aachen), Session III: Singlet Oxygen and Electron-Transfer Photooxygenation (Chairman K. Gollick, München), Session IV: Radicals in the Atmosphere (Chairman H. Elstner, München), Session V: Lipid Autoxidation/Peroxidation (Chairman H. Esterbauer, Graz). Each session consisted of invited lectures and posters submitted by the participants. Papers emanating from the meeting are published, after peer review, in this and the next issue of Free Radical Research Communications. This issue is divided into two sections and includes papers relating to sessions I and III of the meeting. The next issue will consist of papers relating to sessions II, IV and V.

We feel that the outcome of the Dusseldorf Meeting was productive and will motivate further research. High quality standards were maintained. In this connection, we wish to thank Joe Bannister, the managing editor and the referees, and with special pleasure we wish to acknowledge the help of Sabine Ophorst, Düsseldorf, who helped as editorial secretary. Finally, we would like to thank Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Bonn; National Foundation for Cancer Research, Bethesda, Maryland; Freunde und Förderer der Universität; Henkel, Düsseldorf; Chemie Grüenthal, Aachen; Nattermann, Köln; Dr Schiffer, Köln; without whose support the meeting would not have been possible.

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