

## Editorial

The year 1987 was especially notable in that the Nobel Prize was awarded to three of the pioneers of the field. Unfortunately, 1987 was also the year in which we must sadly mark the passing of two great men of science, Professor Iwao Tabushi and Professor James J. Christensen. It is to these two men that the contributions from the United States-Japan Joint Seminar are dedicated.

The seminar was held 2–6 November 1987 at the Coconut Grove Hotel, Miami, Florida. The organization of the event was directed by Professor George W. Gokel and Professor Kenji Koga, and we are grateful to them for assembling this outstanding set of manuscripts.

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