

Preface

THIS Symposium on the "Regulation of Catecholamine Metabolism in the Sympathetic Nervous System" brings together just a few of the many investigators who have played important roles in the field of catecholamine research. The Symposium was designed to deal specifically with one important aspect of the sympathetic nervous system. Obviously, many other important areas of catecholamine research have also yielded exciting findings in recent years. It is hoped that a much larger and more comprehensive Symposium on Catecholamines, comparable to the one held in Milan in 1965, will be able to cover all major advances in the field since then. Such a catecholamine symposium is actually in the planning stage.

One of the people who played a key role in the organization of the 1965 symposium was Dr. Daniel Efron. Once again he helped get the planning for the new symposium organized and underway. It is with great sadness that we report his untimely death on January 27, 1972. Dr. Efron was a friend of all the participants in the present Symposium. In his position as Chief, Pharmacological Section, Psychopharmacology Research, National Institutes of Mental Health, he had a profound influence on all areas of neurobiology. We shall all miss him greatly.

The present Symposium owes its success to the superb organizational skills of the staff of the New York Heart Association, particularly Mrs. Ivane Saulpaugh and Mr. Charles Campbell.

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