

Preface

THE OBJECT of the Workshop on Immunological Aspects of Toxicology was to examine the current knowledge on the frontiers of scientific advances in immunology with an eye on its present and future applications for toxicologists. It was expected that the resulting exchange of information and melding of expertise would be a major contribution to the development of new and improved methods for assessing the toxicity of chemicals. It was also expected that the workshop would identify areas for future research that would benefit scientific advances in both immunology and toxicology. We believe that these objectives have been met.

This is the second workshop convened by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Foundation to consider the application of current knowledge to the development of new and improved methods for assessing the safety and potential toxicity of drugs. The workshop brought together leading scientists in the basic and ap-

plied areas of immunology with practicing toxicologists in the pharmaceutical industry. The workshop began with an opening address that described immunotoxicology within the National Toxicology Program. The sessions provided current knowledge about basic immunology, presented examples of the application of immunology to clinical problems, and concluded with a review of current practices and the future horizons in immunotoxicology.

We are indebted to the speakers for their illuminating presentations, to the discussants and rapporteurs for their contributions, and to all the participants who helped make this timely workshop a success.

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