

PREFACE

The indole alkaloids, which constitute one of the largest classes of natural products and show an unrivaled diversity of structures, continue to attract the attention and effort of many research groups. Extensive clinical use of several representatives (vinblastine, vincristine, vincamine and reserpine) and a tantalizing pharmacology of many others, provide further incentive for this research.

This Symposium-in-Print presents contributions from some of the research groups that are well established in this area, where on-going projects could provide current research reports. It is hoped that a future Symposium can be timed to allow other authorities in the field to enter their contributions and be advertised to attract papers from new young investigators.