

## Foreword

In the fall of 1976, we conceived the idea of organizing a symposium in honor of H.H. Ussing. A date near that of the International Congress of Physiology in Paris appeared to be a good time to try to congregate disciples, friends, and scientific collaborators of Professor Ussing somewhere in Switzerland. The symposium took place on July 12th and 13th, 1977, in the Castle of Reichenstein, near Basle. Because of its spirit and the quality of the scientific exchanges, the meeting was, from beginning to end, a delightful and rewarding experience.

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