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THE CONTRACEPTIVE REVOLUTION. An Era of Scientific and Social Development. Egon Diczfalusy. Parthenon, Carnforth, U.K., and New York, U.S.A. 1997, 256 pp. ISBN: 1-85070-748-0, £48.00.

Egon Diczfalusy became world famous among reproductive endocrinologists in the early 1960 s when he received a grant from the Ford Foundation to study hormonal interactions during early pregnancy, and put together an international team of young, strongly motivated scientists, many of whom now hold important positions all over the world. He is an internationally renowned researcher and teacher, who has produced over 550 publications and edited around 30 books. In summarizing his many accomplishments, two features stand out: the definition and detailed study of the human feto-placental unit and his promotion and co-ordination of international research efforts aimed at achieving reproductive health for all. Modern methods of contraception have evolved with the concept of reproductive health and the United Nations project that by the year 2000 more than half-a-billion couples around the world will use modern methods of family planning, while a major part of the current health requirements of a population is related to reproductive ill health.

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This book will be of interest to those working in gynecology, reproduction, and endocrinology, as well as for clinicians and advanced students.