

## Editorial Preface

The first international congress of the European Society for Veterinary Virology (ESVV) was held in Liège, Belgium in 1989, and through a successful collaboration with Elsevier Science Publishers we were able to publish the proceedings as a special issue of *Veterinary Microbiology* (Vol. 23) under the title "Advances in Veterinary Virology". Over 200 scientists again gathered, in September 1991, for the second international congress in Uppsala, Sweden, and it gives us great pleasure to present to you a further special issue "Advances in Veterinary Virology 2", comprising review papers and original contributions given at the congress, whose theme was "The pathogenesis of viral diseases: molecular, virological and immunological aspects."

We also pay tribute to one of our founder members by introducing the first Zvonimir Dinter Memorial Lecture, given by Prof. Cedric Mims who has done much to foster the study of comparative virology and to maintain a dialogue between medical and veterinary virologists.

The ESVV is now an established force in veterinary virology. We welcomed participants at the congress from 30 countries, representing virtually all the major European veterinary virology institutes and departments, as well as a number of guests from the Americas, Asia and Australia. We were particularly pleased to receive colleagues from a number of Eastern European countries.

It was only possible to hold the congress through the encouragement and support of Prof. Göran Hugoson, Director of the Swedish National Veterinary Institute, and his staff. We also offer grateful thanks to Prof. Ingmar Månsson, former Dean of the Veterinary Faculty, Prof. Mårten Carlsson, Chancellor of the Swedish Agriculture University, all our invited speakers and chairmen, and the local staff and students who helped things run smoothly. A special word of thanks must go to the sponsors, without whom the congress could not have happened.

Finally we once again extend our gratitude to Elsevier Science Publishers, and to Prof. Spradbrow, chief editor of *Veterinary Microbiology*, for the opportunity to publish the congress proceedings in this special issue.

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