

# P R E F A C E

«Acta Geneticae Medicae et Gemellologiae» started to be published in January, 1952. Therefore, it can look back on sixteen successful years, during the first five of which it appeared every four months, to become then a quarterly. Supplements were also published, so that the total number of pages printed so far amounts to 7522. Volumes I to V having in the meantime become exhausted, and because of the great number of requests, Swets & Zeitlinger (Amsterdam) offered to republish them, so that they will again be available in a few months or so.

Aiming to better recalling to all our eminent Cooperators and Contributors, and to our numerous Readers and Subscribers, our past activity and our growing efforts towards quality, of form and content, we planned to start this seventeenth volume and year of life of our Journal with a special issue, devoted to *Antimitotics*.

Here are the Proceedings of a Symposium held in Rome, at the Gregor Mendel Institute, on May 14-16, 1966. The widespread international participation to this Symposium, the quality and quantity of contributors, and of their respective papers (updated until recently), as well as a generally felt hope for further development, made we call it *First International Symposium on Antimitotics*.

The importance of the subject, the generally high standard of the papers, and their impact on Human and Medical Genetics, on chromosomal and biochemical research, are good reasons for us to hope that this special number of «Acta Geneticae Medicae et Gemellologiae» be welcomed.

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