

FOREWORD

I am very happy to present this volume of Proceedings of the Fourth International Congress of Neurogenetics and Neuroophthalmology to the readers of Acta Geneticae Medicae et Gemellologiae, both because of the scientific value and of the special genetic significance of our Rome Congress.

This is, in fact, a bridge joining General Genetics and Clinics, i.e., an example of the way to be followed in the near future by modern Medicine in all directions, so that the discoveries of Cytogenetics, of Molecular Genetics, and of Chronogenetics, be brought to the patient's bed and be of help to him, showing the actual fundamentals of what was once referred to in terms of Constitutional Medicine and is nothing but the genetic blueprint of the single individual.

The scientific value of these Proceedings is extremely remarkable, also because they largely deal with the wide area of ophthalmological pathology, the genetic basis of which has been established with priority of time, genial methodology, and large case material, by leading scientists, such as Professor François and others.

I owe to my dear friends, Professor François of Ghent, who was the President of the Third Congress, and Professor Klein of Geneva, the honor of having been invited to be the President of the Fourth Congress, and I wish to thank them most cordially.

I also wish to express my appreciation to Professor Marco Milani Comparetti, the Secretary of the Congress, and to Professor Paolo Parisi, the editor of this volume of Proceedings, both from the Mendel Institute.

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