

## *Preface*

The present volume of Proceedings includes all the papers given or sent to the First International Symposium on Twin Studies, amounting to 102 and covering some 350 pages.

Serious limits of space made it impossible, as a rule, to publish the extensive papers authors sometimes like to submit. For the same reason, the lists of references had to be limited to the works cited in the text; while the summaries had to be excluded, which is however partly justified by their having already been published in the Book of Abstracts and by the shortness of most papers.

Although a number of papers are in Italian, French or German, for the sake of brevity and simplicity, only the English language has been used throughout the book, while the Italian, French and German translations of the Contents have been added to the end (p. 357).

A special effort was made to grant early publication, in order to avoid the general fate of Proceedings losing their primary interest, originality and up-to-date-ness, even before appearing.

As a matter of fact, the last manuscripts have been received in the month of April, and the corrected proofs, up to a few days ago. Yet, a number of full papers — being not yet completed or having meanwhile been published elsewhere — have not been submitted for publication: their abstracts have then been included in these Proceedings and, whenever possible, their bibliographic reference. The only exception is represented by the following papers which, on the Authors' demand, have not been reproduced under any form: (1) R. Cederlöf and L. Friberg: Mortality in smoking discordant MZ and DZ twins; (2) R. Cederlöf and L. Friberg: Heredity of coronary heart disease; (3) R. Cederlöf, L. Friberg and Z. Hrubec: Background of coronary heart disease - Interrelationship between smoking and other habitual and environmental factors in twins; (4) R. Cederlöf, I. Liljefors and T. Lundman: The validity of the questionnaire diagnosis "angina pectoris"; (5) I. Liljefors: Coronary heart disease in twins; (6) G. Dell'Acqua, G. Zecchi and E. Gandini: A study of the correlation of G6PD rate in peripheral blood cells in twin pairs heterozygous for G6PD deficiency.

The original style of the Symposium has been respected and no changes have been made to the disposition of papers and sessions (except that the originally two sessions on Psychiatry and Neuropathology have been pooled into a single one, Session 17). For the same reason, the editorial work has been limited, as a rule, to formal aspects.

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