

PREFACE

The editorial work in preparing the present report has been shared by six of the participants of the conference. Section I was edited by Dr A. Sandage, sections IIA to IIE by Dr G. Larsson-Leander, section IIF by Dr H. F. Weaver, section IIG by Dr Nancy G. Roman and section III by Dr A. D. Thackeray. The remaining parts and the co-ordination of the various sections were done by the undersigned.

In accordance with a decision taken at the Stockholm conference, an attempt has been made to present the material in the same way as the report of the Groningen Conference of 1953 (see also the Introduction). Differences have remained between the conceptions of the work of the editors with regard to the amount of detail represented, the frequency of including references to the literature, and the completeness with which the names of the participants in the discussions are mentioned. Little effort has been made to smooth these differences which, I believe, are not disturbing and add a certain variety in the way of presentation of the subjects. I should like to express my indebtedness to my co-editors for their pleasant co-operation in preparing this volume.

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