

PREFACE

The Esteve Foundation was established in 1983 to honor the late Dr. Antonio Esteve. Antonio Esteve was born in Manresa (Barcelona) in 1902, graduated in Barcelona and in 1927 became manager of the pharmacy that his great-grandfather had founded in 1787. Having been actively involved in research during his student years, Dr. Antonio Esteve soon felt an urge for drug investigation that resulted in the establishment, in 1929, of what was to become one of the largest pharmaceutical firms in Spain. Dr. Esteve was actively involved in its research activities, actually heading this department, until his death in June 1979.

The establishment of the Esteve Foundation was made possible by a generous personal donation from Dr. Esteve's wife and four children, who wanted to honor Dr. Esteve's memory in the manner that would best fit his temperament, intellectual curiosity, and dedication to science. The Esteve Foundation operates independently of any pharmaceutical enterprise and its main goal is to stimulate progress in pharmacotherapy through scientific communication and discussion. As a way to promote international cooperation in research, it organizes international multidisciplinary meetings. This Esteve Foundation Symposium-I, dealing with drug-protein binding, will be followed by others on topics such as the interaction of drugs and chemicals in industrial societies and the dose-response relationship in man. In addition, the Esteve Foundation is currently preparing meetings on topics of particular interest in its geographical area, such as the contribution of day hospitalization to therapeutics, the treatment of severe *Staphylococcus aureus* infections, the role of nurses in pharmacotherapeutics, design of clinical trials in brucellosis, and so forth. The Foundation also sponsors lectures, seminars and courses, and a regular Antonio Esteve Lecture is given each year by a distinguished guest. The first of these lectures, entitled "The Pharmaceutical Revolution Forty Years Later," was given by Prof. Louis Lasagna in June 1984. The second Antonio Esteve Lecture will be delivered by Prof. Milo Gibaldi who will discuss "The Changing Scene of Pharmaceutical Sciences."