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**ADDRESS FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH,  
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It is a pleasure and an honour to the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation to wellcome the participants of this International Symposium on Immunomodulators. We are happy that you could join us at this moment and help make this symposium a very special occasion for our institution and our country.

Why is the Fundation sponsoring such an outstanding meeting of this kind? Why are we putting so much emphasis on a scientific subject at the frontier of the biomedical sciences? Or, as some would say, why are we investing our limited funds in promoting high caliber scientific events insteaded of concentrating on more direct actions of operational or applied research?

It is our firm belief that this country needs to be present in the research and development activities at the frontiers of science and technology. Only if we have this participation we will be able to have the correct long range perspective that will allow the efficient planning of our present day activities. Only with first rate science and first rate scientists we will secure our place among the developed nations and will be able to fight efficiently our immense problems of public health.

Our generation is a priviledged one. We are living at a time of revolutionary discoveries in the field of basic biological sciences. We assisted the elucidation of the molecular structure of the genetic material, the deciphering of the genetic code and the rise of recombinant DNA and hybridoma technology. The next decades will also be a time of intense activity when several of these scientific breakthroughs will pave the way for corresponding advances in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease.

This International Symposium on Immunomodulators, making a bridge between biology and therapeutic applications, will help us to get a precise idea of the present state of the art and of the future development in such an important field. It will help us build up links between our research groups and those who are visiting us at this moment. Thus, instead of being only an isolated event, we hope it will be only the beginning of a long and fruitful collaboration among scientists, research groups and institutions in our countries.

The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation would like to thank the organizers of this meeting, Profs. Wilson Savino, Mireille Dardenne and Ivan Roitt. We thank you for your work, for your efforts and for your initiative that made this symposium possible. To all the participants we would like to say that our Foundation will be at the disposition of this scientific community for any help you may need for future work and collaboration. Thank you.

Rio de Janeiro, April 26, 1987

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