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ADDRESS FROM THE LOCAL ORGANIZER

The very first decision of carrying out the task of organizing this meeting was taken in November 1985 and one of the most important reasons for going ahead with this idea was the need to urgently add mechanisms to foster the development of basic and clinical Immunology in Brazil. In this respect we were convinced that the one of such mechanisms was the existence of international events, that always provide an appropriate environment to promote the development of common international research projects. In this respect, to internationalize more and more Immunology in Brazil will be always fruitful. Actually, I should say that this politics is already followed by the Brazilian Society of Immunology since some years ago. However, it should be pointed out, that if we do not have more international meetings in our country, not only in Immunology but in any field of science, one of the main reasons is that, it is hard to create the necessary operational conditions for them to take place. For our meeting in particular, we were not an exception to the rule, and serious financial problems did occur. At this point, it is worthwhile to state that the fact that we had an International Organizing Committee did help us to obtain additional funds, particularly in France, a country that already largely cooperate with us in terms of research in Immunology.

In any case, the success of this meeting in terms of the high scientific quality achieved and the interactions that took places among foreign and Brazilian immunologists did prove to us that the organization of other symposia, in distinct fields of Immunology, should be fostered by the several governmental financial agencies as well as pharmaceutic laboratories involved in immunotherapy.

Thank you.

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