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#### WELCOME ADDRESS

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It is my privilege to welcome all participants in this symposium. And, in view of such a wide and representative participation, which I now pleasantly confirm, I should add that it was a fortunate moment, when we decided to choose **Membrane Lipids** as the theme for a multidisciplinary meeting with these present characteristics.

On behalf of the Organizing Commitee, I very especially wish to thank the collaboration given by the invited lecturers, bringing us most valuable contributions, backed by their experience in their respective fields of work and richness of their lessons.

I now would like to express my profund gratitude to all State and Private Institutions and Departments, as well as Scientific Societies and the Industries involved, for their support, which has made possible the organization of this symposium.

Scientific activities will begin with a session on Lipid-Protein Interactions, including two lectures of great opportunity, one analysing the subject more generally, by Professor Fritz Jahnig, the other one dealing with more specific aspects, by Professor Vitor Madeira, followed by a set of communications and discussion of the posters on this subject. Next, the second session will deal with Lipid Mobility and Microviscosity, introduced by Professor Roelofsen's lecture and including further presentations.

This session will immediately be followed by a topic, in a crescendo of interest, due to its potential applications in areas such as biologic science and medicine, which is no more than that on the Models of Artificial Membranes. Professor Peter Ott's conference will start this session, and will be followed by a valuable group of free communications and poster presentations, which will be glabally discussed.

The second day of work will be initiated by the lectures of Professor Richard

Cooper and Professor Roelofsen, presenting different approaches, involving the organization and characterization of the membrane lipids of normal and pathologic erythrocytes. This session on Erythrocyte Membrane - Clinical Approach will have continuity in a set of works on the subject of human erythrocytes under pathologic situations.

The scientific activities of this Symposium on Membrane Lipids will end with the 5th and last session, on General and Applied Topics on Membranes, inaugurated by Professor Teresa Moura. A long series of presentation will follow, all of great value and scientific interest, ending on a global discussion we all long for.

As an integral part of this symposium, a Sattelite Symposium on Membrane Technology will be held on March the 22nd, which will have a limited audience, due to the fact that it is essentially directed to pratical aspects, and demonstration of equipments, and by the way, I would like to express my deep thanks to Pharmacia (Suedan) the support given to us in this field

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Aside the scientific aspect, we have planned a number of activities, allowing the also very important social intercourse. Besides the Welcome Party of yesterday, which gave us an opportunity to meet and strengthen our friendship ties, you will be presented today a reception at Sintra City Hall, featuring a cultural session, where a singer will perform for us some musical pieces.

And for all those who wish, there will be the option of seeing or reseeing, in

this beginning of spring, the natural beauties surrounding us.

To all we wish once again a very pleasant stay!