

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

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Ladies and Gentlemen

I should like to thank all of you very cordially for having accepted our invitation. All the colleagues we asked to participate in this colloquium are present except, however, for a few whom I shall have to mention separately, since I was asked to forward their kind regards to the assembly. Professor Convit of Caracas regrets that he is unable to attend this meeting, because he has to comply with a special government assignment. Dr Shepard and Dr Levy are unfortunately unable to take part because of an American-Japanese congress, the dates of which were chosen a long time ago. Dr Waters cannot come because of staffing difficulties at Sungei Buloh. All these colleagues asked me to give you their very best regards.

The colloquia held in Borstel usually mean two full days of hard work. Nevertheless we try to render these occasions as pleasant as possible so that you will remember them later with pleasure. In order to carry out successfully such a colloquium within a period of two days, we shall have to keep strictly to the fixed schedule.

May I also mention a few words concerning the technique of our colloquia here in Borstel. Although many of you have already attended them in the past, I should like to make a short comment regarding their actual meaning and intention. In large congresses a great number of orators usually address a large audience in order to pass on information. This is not the intention of our colloquium, which is supposed to be a "round table discussion" even if we are not sitting round a table. Only those colleagues are participating who are actively concerned with the problem of chemotherapy, who wish to inform each other about the results of their work, to stimulate and correct each other, and who would like to get evidence about what is to be done in the future. That is why we shall present papers giving information about our various activities on the first day. On the second we shall not discuss the papers, but the general topics outlined by the papers.

Each colloquium needs its chairman, and it gives me great pleasure to say that Dr Browne was so kind to take over this function for the present one. I admit that I would hardly have dared to call you together here without his encouragement and promised assistance. I wish to thank him very cordially today and hereby pass over to him this colloquium's chairmanship, and thereby a great deal of responsibility.