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For L.A.C. and J.A.E.

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PREFACE

This book contains the fifteen invited papers delivered at the NATO International Conference on Experimental and Behavioral Approaches to Alcoholism, held August 28 through September 1, 1977, at the Solstrand Fjord Hotel, Os, Norway. The editors of the book were Co-Directors of that conference. As well, 65 other scientists from 12 countries in the free world presented scientific papers on experimental and behavioral topics of relevance to alcoholism at the meeting. A most receptive audience of almost 200 persons also participated actively in the discussions which followed every invited and contributed paper.

The beauty of Norway, the hospitality of the proprietors of the Solstrand Fjord Hotel, the aura of Grieg and Trolldhaugen, the enthusiasm of the speakers and participants - all combined to make the conference most memorable for those who attended it.

Many persons and institutions deserve special thanks for their part in the success of the conference. Among these persons are Dr. J.C. Brengelmann, European Co-Director of the Conference, Professor M.N. Özdas, Assistant Secretary General for Scientific and Environmental Affairs, NATO, Dr. B.A. Bayraktar, Executive Officer, Human Factors Programme, Scientific Affairs Division, NATO, and Professor H. Ursin, member of NATO's Special Programme Panel on Human Factors and a faculty member of the Institute of Psychology, University of Bergen, the conference's host institution. All three Co-Directors were delighted with the commitment of these individuals to a successful conference; Dr. Bayraktar deserves special commendation for the efficiency and good graces with which he helped us organize and carry out the meeting.

While we have chosen and edited these 15 papers with care, it is impossible to convey the very special quality of the interactions that took place at the meeting. If critics of NATO's scientific programs had attended the conference, they could not have helped realizing that the good will, international understanding, and invaluable scientific exchange that characterized it made NATO's support for the endeavor a most tangible and effective undertaking.

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