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Foreword

Research on aplastic anaemia has until recently been limited to clinical description, morphology and epidemiology. New methods to culture haemopoietic cells, and advances in our knowledge of proliferation and differentiation in the haemopoietic cell system opened a new area of scientific interest for this "prototype" of haemopoietic failure. In addition, bone marrow transplantation became not only a clinical method of treatment, but also a source of data useful for the discussion of pathophysiological models of aplastic anaemia.

This situation prompted us to arrange an international conference on aplastic anaemia, with particular emphasis on its pathophysiology and the rationals of the current therapeutic approaches. This conference was held at Schloss Reisenburg from July 20–22, 1978 with the participation of both experimental and clinical scientists active in this field or in related areas of research. The proceedings of the symposium reflect the present knowledge as well as the many new questions which arose from the discussions.

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