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Preface

The first "European Workshop on Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology of the Testis" was held in Geilo, Norway, in April 1980. Since then, this most prominent forum for European and international research in the field of male reproduction has taken place every other year in Holland, France, Italy, England, Sweden/Finland (Åland Islands), Germany, Belgium and Italy, respectively.

Twenty years after its foundation, that is during the mythical year 2000 (13–17 May), we have had the privilege of organizing the 11th Workshop in Saint-Malo, Brittany, France. The main lectures of this Workshop have been compiled in this volume. A number of chapters present the most novel research on testicular and epididymal functions or on more general fields of hormone action and molecular cell biology as it is now a tradition. However, exceptionally, the book also contains several chapters dealing with the "Approaches and Tools in the Third Millennium". The unusual inclusion of Technologies as such in the year 2000 edition of the Workshop was an absolute necessity, as these technologies are revolutionizing the fields of biology and medicine and, in many instances, how to do research. Therefore, we felt that it was essential for our scientific community to be informed of the very latest technical developments and their potential for future progress.

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