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Preamble

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The series of reports under the heading *Clinical Pharmacological Evaluation in Drug Control* continued with the ninth (EURO reports and studies 50, 1981; Schlangenbad, 18 to 21 November 1980), on the control of drugs for the elderly; the tenth (EURO reports and studies 66, 1982; Schlangenbad, 27 to 30 October 1981), on drugs for infants and children; and the eleventh (EURO reports and studies 91, 1985; Schlangenbad, 19 to 22 October 1982) on drugs in general practice. Beyond that the series continued for several years.

Aims

The Symposium was the seventh in a series of meetings on clinical pharmacological evaluation in drug control, convened annually since 1972 by the WHO Regional Office for Europe, with sponsorship by the Federal Republic of Germany, initially at Heidelberg and later at Deidesheim. The meetings have provided a forum for scientific discussion of the clinical problems and procedures associated with drug control in the broadest sense. The work of each meeting has supplemented that of earlier ones and concrete recommendations on general and specific matters have been produced. An innovation in the agenda this year was the discussion of draft guidelines for the evaluation of hypertensive drugs in man (Introduction, page 1).

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Participants

The Symposium was attended by forty-one participants from twenty-six countries as well as twenty temporary advisers and regular staff of WHO, and ten representatives of other organizations. The forty-one participants were Dr H Abdelkader (Institute of Pharmacology, University of Lausanne, Switzerland); Dr E Alhava (Chief, Department of Pharmacology and Microbiology, National Laboratory for the Control of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Helsinki, Finland); Professor L Blumenbach (Director, Institute of Drugs, Federal Health Office, Berlin (West), Federal Republic of Germany); Professor A Danysz (Department of Pharmacology, Institute for Drug Research and Control, Warsaw, Poland); Dr I Eichler (Federal Institute for Experimental Pharmacology and Balneology, Vienna, Austria); Dr K Fällér (Deputy Director, National Institute of Pharmacy, Budapest, Hungary); Professor H Friebel (Drug Commission of the German Medical Profession, Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany); Mr P Grech (Assistant to the Director, Directorate of Pharmacy and Medicine, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Paris, France); Mr A Grímsson (Chief, Pharmaceutical Division, Ministry of Health and Social Security, Reykjavik, Iceland); Mr Ferreira del Almeida (Directorate-General of Hospitals, Lisbon, Portugal); Mr P Fischer (Director, Intercantonal Office of Drug Control, Bern, Switzerland); Dr M Godinho de Matos (Director, Pharmacy

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