

Preface

The First Canadian Symposium on the Organic Dementias was intended to provide up-to-date information on current advances in both clinical and basic laboratory investigations of Alzheimer's Disease and related neurodegenerative disorders; and to promote a frank exchange of ideas between recognized Canadian authorities and some prominent international researchers. A total of 40 papers were presented in poster and platform mode by neuroscientists from 13 centres across this country, as well as from the United States and Great Britain. These presentations were grouped according to five themes, and spirited discussions followed the conclusion of each theme.

Though only a few years old, the Alzheimer Society of Canada can take great pride in having undertaken the role of major sponsorship of this conference. Special thanks are due to the Brownstein Family of Montreal for their exemplary commitment, and to the members of the Dementia Study Group at the University of Western Ontario for their encouragement. In a country as vast as our own, and in a research field as rapidly evolving as that of the organic dementias, it is not unreasonable to hope that such a national forum will be held every few years.

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