

ribosomes, tRNAs, etc.) we chose to attempt to cover all aspects of the process, with equal attention being paid to prokaryotic and to eukaryotic systems, since many of the approaches we foresaw would be widely applicable. In addition we felt it important that discussions should consider translation as a single co-ordinated process and not a collection of individual macromolecular species that just happen to be involved in translating mRNAs.

That the meeting worked so well is largely a testimony to the enthusiasm of the participants, all of whom contributed ideas, not only in their own specialised fields but to other aspects of translation. We hope that this volume will convey this enthusiasm to fellow researchers and funding bodies alike, and illustrate that indeed many new approaches are already being taken in the genetic dissection of the translational process.

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