

DEDICATION

It is entirely fitting that this first monograph of a series on ultrastructure in biological systems be dedicated to the memory of Charles Oberling. Professor Oberling developed an early and abiding interest in the application of the electron microscope to problems in biology. His pre-eminence in the field of cancer research, his active participation in the research, and the stimulus of his driving personality were without doubt primarily responsible for the outstanding contributions made by the group at the Institut de Recherches sur le Cancer, Villejuif, in the area of the fine structure of malignant cells and oncogenic viruses. In his book "The Riddle of Cancer" he discussed the virus theory of cancer and made the statement that "The only serious objection to be brought against the virus hypothesis at the present time (1944) is that it remains unproved." In good part through his own efforts, this statement is no longer completely accurate.

In organizing this monograph, it was decided to solicit contributors first from among his former students and second from among his personal friends who had competence in the particular area of the fine structure of tumor viruses. This made the task simpler but not easier because his students are many and his friends legion. It is, we are sure, the hope of all contributors that the quality and range of the material presented reflects in some small measure the great respect and warm personal regard we all felt and will always feel for Professor Oberling.

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