

PREFACE

The 2nd IUPAC Symposium "Pharmaceutical Chemistry" was held from 22nd to 26th July, 1968 at Münster/Westf. (Germany); the first meeting dealing with this field took place at Florence (Italy) in 1962. The following 5 topics had been selected from the wealth of current research problems: (i) Nonsteroid Anti-inflammatory Drugs. (ii) Analgetically Acting Drugs. (iii) Drugs Influencing Circulatory System and Heart Functions. (iv) Chemotherapy of Parasitic Infections. (v) Metabolism of Drugs.

Through a series of main lectures the participants were introduced into the current research in these fields. These papers have been collected in the present volume. Original contributions which followed each main lecture will be published by the Authors individually.

In opening and closing sessions the following more generally interesting problems of drug research have been discussed: (i) The open field of pharmacology. (ii) Problèmes posés par le retentissement des médicaments sur la progéniture. (iii) Patent protection in the drug field. These lectures have been included in this volume, too.

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