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PREFACE

The fast developments in bioorganic chemistry and molecular biology techniques have promoted a deep understanding of the processes of light energy transduction. This research, the subject of our devotion and aspiration, provides a unique opportunity for tackling some of the urgent problems in modern biology. We are now exceedingly advanced in the study of photoreception, and it is our sincere hope that the joint efforts of chemists, biologists, biophysicists, and physiologists will be crowned with success in unravelling the mechanism of this exciting process.

The international conference held in Irkutsk (USSR) in June, 1986 was the second of a series devoted to vitally important components of light-sensitive systems. The proceedings volume includes papers which present advances in the study of retinal-containing proteins from various sources, their architecture and their function.

The organizing committee expresses deep gratitude to all participants of the conference "Retinal Proteins" and is confident that the creative and friendly atmosphere of the meeting promoted mutual understanding and cooperation between the scientists.

The Organizing Committee

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