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Preface

This volume contains the proceedings of a meeting on crystal-related arthropathies, organised by the Bristol University Department of Medicine at Bristol Polytechnic on 22 and 23 October 1982.

The organisers were aware that there have not been many reviews of this subject in the past few years. There have, however, been many recent advances, some laboratory, some technological, and some clinical, and an attempt was made to reflect these in the programme. Most of those attending the meeting were clinicians, but contributions also came from basic scientists, including physicists and

crystallographers. We wanted to integrate the scientific and clinical aspects of crystals and joint disease and bring the two disciplines closer together.

Over the past five years the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council has given extensive financial support to the University Department of Medicine in Bristol for work on crystal-related arthropathies, and it was therefore felt appropriate to hold this symposium in Bristol.

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