

Preface

This final document brings to an end the 5th International Symposium on Grape Breeding. It comprises, either in full length or as abstracts, the papers and posters presented during the conference and gives convincing evidence of the world-wide interest in the importance of grape breeding with particular focus to the genetic resources of *Vitis*, biotechnology, and to the development of vines resistant or tolerant to pests and diseases.

Recalling the scientific discussions and social events of the symposium from the distance of a year, I believe it was a success. Therefore, I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to

- all who kept the young tradition of this symposium alive,
- the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Forestry, Bonn, as well as all others who financially supported the symposium and helped to make the meeting a success,
- the Office International de la Vigne et du Vin, Paris, for assuming the patronage of the symposium.

We are now looking forward to future symposia in this series.

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