

Preface

Magnesium: New Vistas

Eighteen years after the 5th International Magnesium Symposium was held in Kyoto in 1988, the Japanese Society for Magnesium Research (JSMR) is organizing the 11th International Magnesium Symposium in ISE-Osaka. The vitality of the Japanese Society has been evidenced by the regular publication of its journal (Journal of the Japanese Society of Magnesium Research), which ensures regular updating of current Japanese research on magnesium, and by its participation in the activities of the international Society for the Development of Research on Magnesium (SDRM).

Thanks to the efficient management of Yoshiki Nishizawa, Hirotooshi Morii, and Masaaki Inaba, the publication of this book of proceedings provides new vistas on magnesium research in 2006. It comprises reports presented during the plenary sessions concerning the role of magnesium not only in physiology, chronobiology, nutrition, epidemiology, and internal medicine particularly, cardiology, neurology, rheumatology, gynecology, and nephrology, but also in stomatology, pharmacognosy, and veterinary medicine.

Unlike many books that promise more than their texts deliver, the multiplicity and interest of the discussed topics can but stimulate careful reading of this book, which gives a platform to authors originating from many parts of the world. Published 35 years after the 1st International Magnesium Symposium, it demonstrates that magnesium research stands the test of time and that a wide path remains open for further investigation.

Such as it is, this book provides a valuable tool for interdisciplinary research in the future.

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