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# Dedication

In the two years between the early planning for this conference and the publication of the proceedings, two of the individuals who were most instrumental in bringing the conference about, Norbert Freinkel and Ronald Kalkhoff, passed away. In the last three decades, Norbert Freinkel played a central role in advancing our understanding of the impact of diabetes mellitus and other alterations of maternal metabolism on intrauterine, neonatal, and later development of the offspring. Some of his major contributions are highlighted in the Norbert Freinkel Memorial Symposium, which is published as part of the proceedings. We acknowledge that he was also the catalyst that sparked the American Diabetes Association to convene three workshop-conferences on gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) between 1979 and 1990. These conferences and the published proceedings have been major factors stimulating interest in GDM among clinicians and investigators throughout the world. Ronald Kalkhoff spent much of his scientific

career investigating altered metabolism in obesity and diabetes mellitus. He had a strong commitment to the study of metabolic changes in pregnancy and the superimposed effects of diabetes or GDM. Thus, his interests and those of Norbert Freinkel had many parallels, and each admired the other greatly. As chairman of the ADA Council on Pregnancy, Ron was responsible for initiating the planning for the Third International Workshop-Conference on GDM within the ADA and became cochairman of the organizing committee after Norbert Freinkel's untimely death. He experienced the exhilaration of planning and participating in a very successful conference but unfortunately passed away before work on the proceedings was completed. We are greatly indebted to both of them for their leadership, and we are pleased to dedicate these proceedings to Norbert Freinkel and Ronald Kalkhoff.

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