## **Preface**

The new Millennium started, and our Laboratory is still alive and hope that will not be disappeared in spite of the several disadvantageous situations, which emerged several times during the last years.

The "Millennium Medal of the Laboratory" was founded for the 10th Anniversary of the Laboratory which coincide with the Hungarian Millennium. Two silver and altogether 14 copper alloy medal will be distributed.

In recognition of their very high standard scientific achievements, which have influenced in a great measure the research and the special teaching programs of the Laboratory, this year Mme. M. VAN CAMPO (France) and W. KRUTZSCH (Germany) were awarded with the silver medal.

The copper medal was adjudicate to the members of the Editorial Board of the Laboratory namely to: C. ALVAREZ RAMIS (Spain), A. CADMAN (South Africa), T.-C. HUANG (Taiwan), M.A. MORBELLI (Argentina), T. N. TAYLOR (U.S.A.). Moreover E. A. STANLEY (U.S.A.) for a longstanding scientific contact and cooperation S. C. SRIVASTAVA (India) in recognition to the establishment of the new scientific contacts with the Birbal Sahni Institute (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India) and the C.B.E.M. Laboratory (Szeged, Hungary) were also awarded.

As a tradition an exclusive reception was organized in the Laboratory on the 21th August.

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