The publishing of Virus Reviews & Research is a historical event on the life of the "Brazilian Society for Virology ("SBV" Sociedade Brasileira de Virologia) considering that it contains the most lofty craving of our community, due to the always reminded and discussed lack of a Brazilian disclose vehicle specialized in Virology.

The creation of this review, official publication instrument of "SBV", do not originate from a daring or thoughtless attitude. It rises on a moment of absolute ripening of our scientific society, confirmed by the high level of researches that have been presented on the Annals of the National and Regional Meetings of Virology, promoted by the Brazilian Society for Virology.

The merit for the publishing of Virus Reviews & Research belongs to the virologists founders of the "SBV" and theirs associates, for the necessary incentive and support to its establishment.

In homage to our predecessors, in recognition to first initiative to materialize the creation of this review and for important services performed to the development of Virology in our country, the Brazilian Society for Virology render just reverence to it's worthy representative, Dr. Hélio Gelli Pereira to whom is dedicate it's first volume. Who from his presence deprived, as was my case and of many others Brazilian colleagues, can vouch the power of his knowledge, orientation, teaching and the total endowment of his life to service of all.

To the creator and first editor of Virus Reviews & Research, Prof. Dr. Edison Luiz Durigon, my homage and gratefulness for his expressive and unforgettable contribution to the Brazilian Society for Virology by making their dream come true.

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