

## PREFACE

This issue of the *Archives Italiennes de Biologie* contains contributions to the Satellite Symposium to the XXth Annual Meeting of the Bárány Society, held in Freiburg, Germany, from September 9-11, 1998. It was entitled THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE VESTIBULAR SYSTEM TO OCULO-MOTOR, SKELETO-MOTOR AND PERCEPTUAL FUNCTIONS and was held in honour of Ottavio Pompeiano, Pisa, and Victor Wilson, New York. The abstracts of this meeting were published in a preceding issue of this journal (Volume 137, Suppl., January 1999). Several participants decided to contribute to the present issue, which is dedicated to these two outstanding scientists who had a profound influence on vestibular research over the last decades. By these contributions we like to thank Ottavio Pompeiano and Victor Wilson for their promotion of this exciting field of research and for their friendship and support, and we want to express our great respect for their achievements. Since we could not include all contributions into the present issue, a few more will appear in the forthcoming issue.

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