

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY: A FESTSCHRIFT IN HONOR OF JERRY DOLOVICH, MD

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Introduction

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This volume of scientific articles represents the academic portion of a Festschrift held May 24, 1997, in honor of Dr Jerry Dolovich in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and sponsored by the Faculty of Health Sciences of McMaster University where Dr Dolovich practiced, taught, and studied allergy for over 30 years. A *Festschrift* literally means writings of a festive nature or commemorative writings, both of which very appropriately apply to the day of presentations on various aspects of allergy and mechanisms of allergic inflammation presented by colleagues, former fellows, and collaborative partners of Dr Dolovich over the decades of his influence in the field of allergy. The Festschrift was held despite Dr Dolovich's ill health from a progressive illness, which had begun to ravage him some 15 years earlier, even at the height of his productivity and academic career. Sadly and unfortunately, this commemorative day was prescient of his demise approximately 1 month later on June 27, 1997.

Dr Dolovich's close friends and colleagues mourn his passing and present this volume of writings as a testament and memorial to his courage, questioning mind, perseverance, honesty, and scientific integrity, which all around him felt and knew. From his humble origins in a small town in northern Manitoba to a preeminent and internationally renowned scientist and practitioner in the

field of allergy, Dr Dolovich has made an impact that is lasting. We trust that this volume attests to those qualities and shares with many of his friends, peers, and colleagues world round the sense of hope and determination that allergy can be understood, treated rationally, and even eliminated in its most severe and threatening manifestations in the years and decades to come.

We dedicate this supplement to Dr Myrna Dolovich and the Dolovich children, Lisa, Sharon, and Pauline.

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