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## LUNG CANCER INTRODUCTION

Lung cancer in many countries, and a health priority in some, is an impressive disease. Lung cancer, curable, is a reality. Optimal diagnosis, approach and the medical oncology of lung cancer. Third Central European Lung Cancer Conference, Prague, May 2-4, 1995. Specialists spanning the world of lung cancer met in Prague. The conference featured prominent speakers and the proceedings of an international symposium. I edit their papers and invite you to read the participation of the participants in their many contributions.

We believe that the sharing of knowledge and experience will help us to hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disease and to all those who are affected by it. The aspects of the disease that we are addressing in this book are the gap between what we know and what we can do. The disease can be