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Edited by L Olsson, Uppsala University, Sweden and K-O Jacobson The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences Stockholm, Sweden

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Sven Hörstadius was one of the great experimental biologists of the 20th century. His experiments on sea urchin larvae and his thorough analysis of the neural crest (and its importance for head development) have had a profound influence on many areas of modern developmental biology.

In 1998, leading researchers working in the field pioneered by Hörstadius celebrated the centennial of his birth by holding a symposium in his honour. Arising from that meeting, *Regulatory Processes in Development* gives an overview of the present state of two of the fields in which Hörstadius was most influential — echinoderm embryology and vertebrate head development — as well as encompassing other areas.

To address future prospects for experimental embryology, the symposium focused on new developments in the fields that were central to the approach of Hörstadius. Induction and pattern formation are old concepts that are now being redefined in molecular terms. The genetic control of development was beyond the grasp of Hörstadius, but is now being discovered at a breathtaking pace. The new relationship between evolution and development is explored by several authors.

The current excitement about developmental biology is felt throughout this volume, as the authors describe breakthroughs in our understanding of basic developmental processes and mechanisms. The book will be of great interest to researchers and graduate students in cell and developmental biology as well as to zoologists and evolutionary biologists.

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