

# **“EVOLUTION FROM LARGE TO SMALL”**

**Symposium on Saturday June 9, 2001 (9:45 – 17:15),**

**at the occasion of 200 years**

**KONINKLIJK NATUURKUNDIG GENOOTSCHAP**

**in “de Oosterpoort”, Groningen**

*Drs. L.M.L.H.A. Hermans*

(Minister of Education, Culture and Science):

**Opening remarks**

*Professor Virginia Trimble*

(University of California at Irvine and University of Maryland):

**Cosmology: the prologue to life.**

*Professor Simon Conway Morris*

(University of Cambridge):

**Four billion years of evolution: separating the inevitable from the random.**

*Professor Leena Peltonen*

(University of California at Los Angeles):

**Messages in the human genome: our disease heritage.**

*Professor Piet Borst*

(Antoni van Leeuwenhoek Ziekenhuis, Amsterdam):

**Aging or eternal youth; limits to bio-repair and replacement.**

*Professor Paul Crutzen*

(Max-Planck-Institut für Chemie, Mainz):

**Human impact on atmospheric chemistry and climate.**