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This volume records the proceedings of the Eighth Biomedical Workshop of the International Planned Parenthood Federation which was held in London in November 1978. This workshop was the last of three devoted to fertility at different ages and provided an opportunity for scientists from a variety of disciplines to meet with medical experts and sociologists to discuss some of the problems of *Fertility in Middle Age*. In all there were thirty participants, from Africa, America, Asia, Australia and Europe.

The text includes all eleven papers presented at the meeting, together with the edited discussion sections, and a wide-ranging general discussion on sterilization and abortion in middle age. A section on the biomedical background in both male and female is followed by papers on fertility rates and the social and biological factors affecting them in different areas of the world; appropriate contraception for the middle-aged woman, especially in relation to disease; social and cultural factors affecting women's attitudes towards sexuality; and an assessment of the risks of genetic defects associated with late parenthood.

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