## **Preface to the Present Volume**

As a project under the Japan-United States Cooperative Science Program sponsored by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the National Science Foundation, a joint seminar on Complex Analytic Singularities was held at Tsukuba University from July 16 to July 20, 1984. In conjunction with this, a symposium on the same subject and a seminar on Algebraic Geometry were organized at the Research Institute for Mathematical Sciences of Kyoto University and at Nagoya University during the subsequent week with financial support from the RIMS and the Ministry of Education. This volume contains papers related to these mathematical meetings. All the talks given at the Japan-U.S. seminar and the RIMS symposium are represented here except ones by N. Shepherd-Barron and P. Wagreich, which will be published elsewhere. Included also are contribution of other participants as well as an article by I. Nakamura who was invited but was unable to attend.

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