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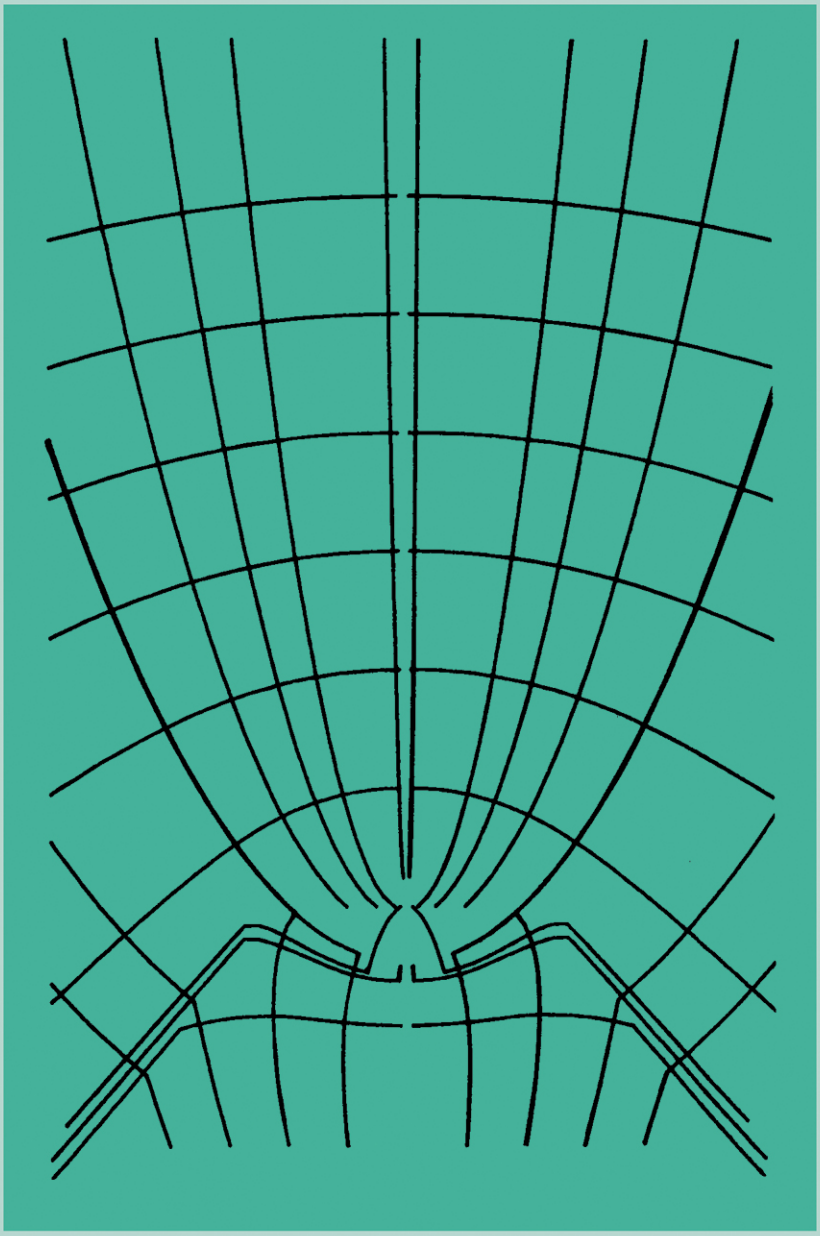

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PREFACE

THIS volume contains for the most part the written version of papers presented in Symposia 2.04 "Spatial and temporal patterns of development" and 2.14 "Movements based on differential flank growth" at the XIV Botanical Congress held in Berlin during July 1987. As mentioned in the introductory article which follows, differential growth in plants (a phrase somewhat ambitiously chosen as a title for this collection of papers) is an extremely broad topic. Therefore, the best that can be done in discussing it within a limited space is to concentrate on certain areas of current interest. Since most of plant growth is "differential" in one way or another, there are inevitably many areas that are not represented here; perusal of volume 17 of the *Handbuch der Pflanzenphysiologie* (edited by W. RUHLAND) and volume 7 of the *Encyclopedia of Plant Physiology, New Series* (edited by W. HAUPT and M. E. FEINLEIB) will help fill these gaps. Nevertheless, despite these omissions, it is to be hoped that readers will find a certain degree of coherence amongst the papers offered herein.

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