



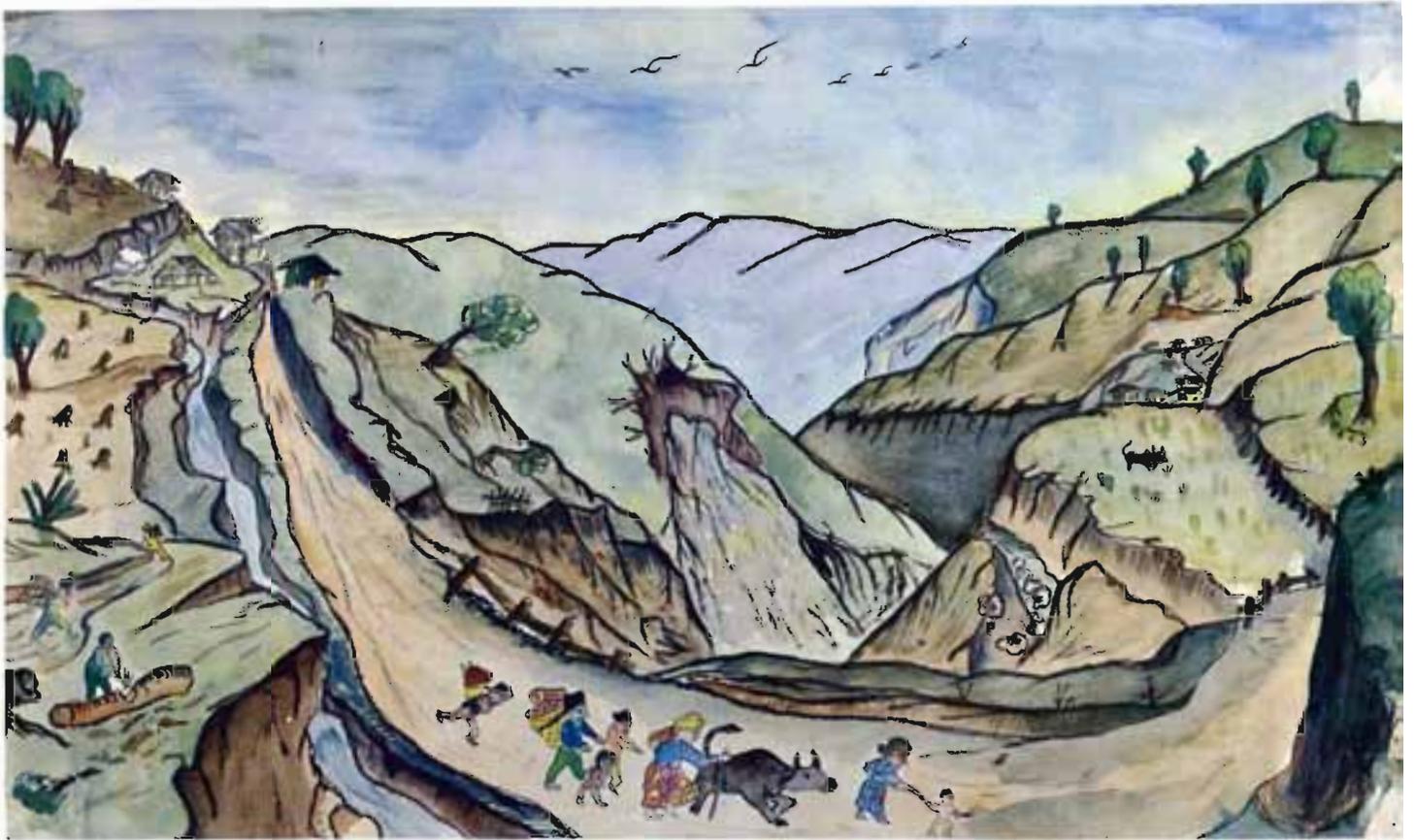
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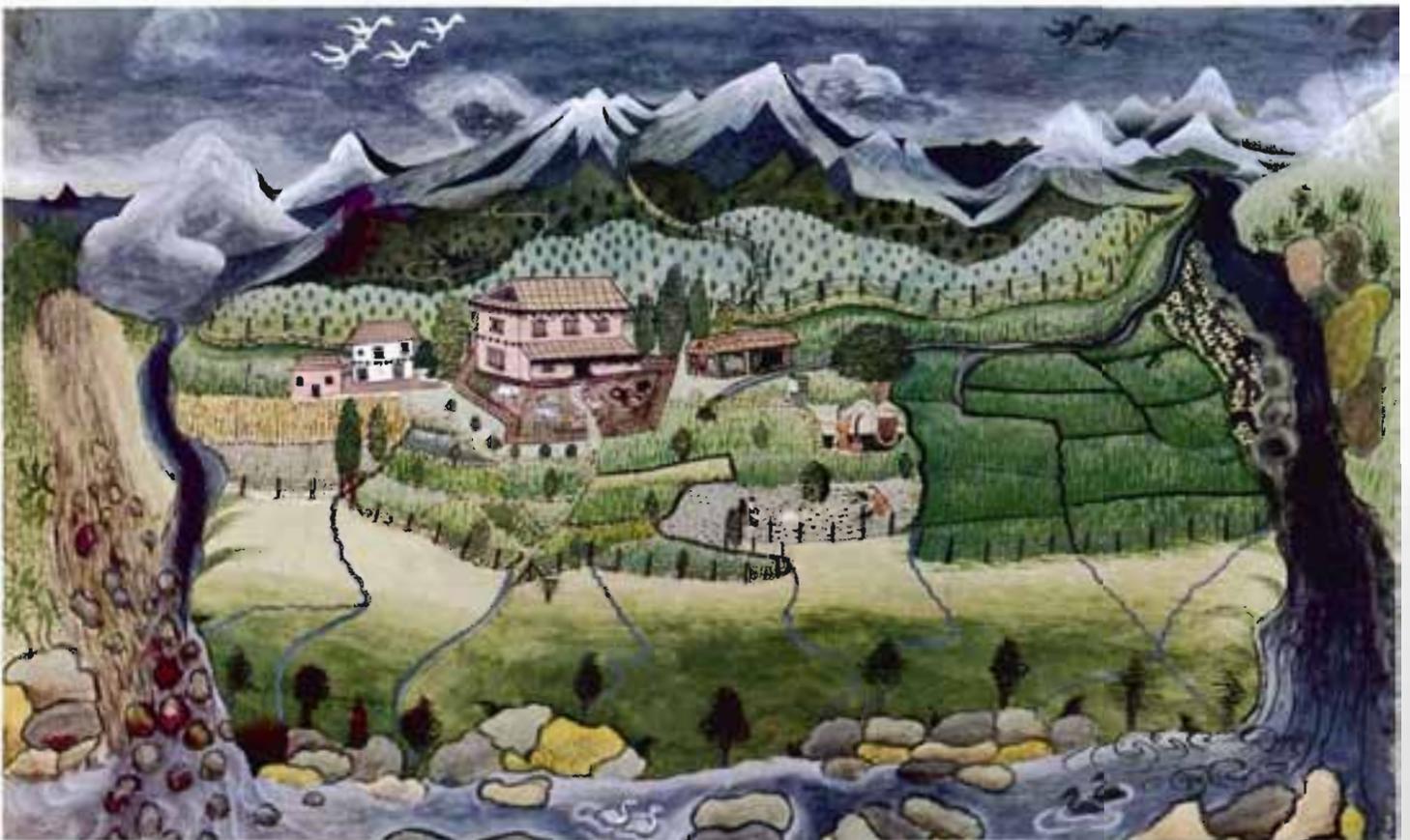
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FOREWORD

The ICIMOD Symposium and Inauguration, which were held in Kathmandu between 1st and 5th December, 1983, were not just professional meetings, but were unique occasions. They were both serious professional exchanges and celebrations for the coming into being of an idea, one that was conceived almost a full decade ago.

The Inauguration, so ably planned and executed by the Preparatory Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Fatteh Singh Tharu, Minister of State for Education and Culture, was the culmination of years of hard and painstaking work by many individuals and organisations, both in Nepal and in the other participating countries of the Hindu Kush-Himalayan region, as well as in the sponsoring countries and at UNESCO in Paris.

The Board of Governors of ICIMOD is specially grateful to the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Nepal for performing the actual Inauguration Ceremony; to His Excellency Dr. Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, Director General of UNESCO, for his personal participation and enthusiastic support; and to Dr. Maurice Strong, Chairman of the Board of Canada Development Investment Corporation and former founding director of the United Nations Environmental Programme, for delivering the keynote address.

It is unfortunately not possible in a document of this nature, which records only the speeches by our distinguished guests and the technical presentations by the expert delegates, to include the names of everyone who helped make the functions so successful. The Board of Governors offers its sincere thanks to everyone who participated both inside and outside the conference rooms. In this we include the organisers, the officials of His Majesty's Government and of various Aid Agencies and non-governmental organisations who assisted and co-operated with us so well, the members of the SATA Group who staged the enjoyable and instructive drama, and the hundreds of school children from all over Nepal who took part in the Painting Competition on the child's-eye view of their mountain environment. Last but not least, I would also like to place on record our special appreciation and thanks to Mr. Peter Gueller, Regent of ICIMOD, for his contribution in organizing the Symposium and Inauguration.

To everyone I say again thank you. I am sure we will all join together in wishing ICIMOD, now that it is so satisfactorily launched, every success for the future.

Dr. Ratna S.J.B. Rana
Chairman of the Board of Governors

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