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EDITORIAL

This issue is dedicated to Alfred L. Copley.

With this issue, number 1 of volume 12, the Executive Editorial Office (EEO) in Karlsruhe (Germany) has started its activities. It will not be easy to carry on with such excellent results as were achieved by the former EEO in New York, with Alfred Lewin Copley as its Director. His valuable advice and his further support of our work as Consulting Editor of our Journal will, therefore, be much appreciated and we take this opportunity to wish him good and stable health.

We wish to express our gratitude by dedicating this issue of CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY, the first publication of the Journal for which he does not sign responsible any more as Executive Editor, to A.L. Copley.

A.L. Copley's contributions are not limited to his merits as founder of our Journal. He has also brought hemorheology as an organized science into being and up to now he is one of its most distinctive teachers. The subsequent article is meant to be a personal dedication to A.L. Copley as Founder and Teacher in Hemorheology, and just like a case history - the most difficult medical field - it should help to further develop hemorheology as clinical science.

Birger Blombäck who takes over A.L. Copley's tasks as Executive Editor for THROMBOSIS RESEARCH, has also written in honour of A.L. Copley who is the founder of the Journals THROMBOSIS RESEARCH and BIORHEOLOGY, too, the subsequent

article "Alfred L. Copley, the Scientist and his Contributions to our Understanding of Haemostasis, Thrombosis and Atherogenesis" which is published as a personal dedication as well in THROMBOSIS RESEARCH.

CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY, the Companion Journal of BIORHEOLOGY, has a new Co-Editor-in-Chief: Jean-François Stoltz, the President of the International Society of Biorheology. I am glad that he has accepted the publisher's and my invitation to help us promote our Journal and thus to serve the science of clinical hemorheology. We will even try to expand the field of clinical hemorheology. Besides blood rheology, up to now pushed to the forefront of research and clinical investigation, we wish to draw the clinical hemorheologist's closer attention to the blood vessels which are contacted by the blood.

Moreover, special importance will be attached to the field of clinical perihemorheology, which was emphasized by A.L. Copley (A.L. Copley: Perihemorheology rather than parahemorheology. Clin. Hemorheol. 7, 377 - 378, 1987).

John Stuart has terminated his activities as Editor and we wish to thank him for his cooperation and valuable assistance. His place has been taken by Gerard B. Nash (University of Birmingham) whom we greet as new Editor. We are also glad to welcome M.R. Hardeman (University of Amsterdam) and Timo Somer (University of Helsinki) as new Editors of the Journal. The Software Survey Section has been discontinued and we want to thank Andrew McCulloch for his readiness to serve as its Editor.

Our Authors are kindly asked to observe the new "Instructions to Authors", which were revised in agreement with the Board of Editors and the Publisher, in order to obtain the soonest possible publication of manuscripts and papers.

This issue contains Part I of the Proceedings of the Seventh European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology, held at Southampton (United Kingdom) 16 - 19 July 1991.

The Proceedings comprise the Welcome Address by the Conference Chairman Stuart Roath, The Robin Fåhræus Medal Award Ceremony with a Laudatio by Tullio Di Perri and The Fåhræus Award Lecture by John Stuart. The issue includes The A.L. Copley Lecture Award Ceremony with an Introduction by S. Roath and The A.L. Copley Award Lecture for Young Investigators in Clinical Hemorheology by R.A. Black.

The only Plenary Lecture which the Executive Editorial Office received for inclusion in this issue is by J.-L. Wautier. As other communications of the Conference, this issue contains three out of eight papers of the Symposium "Aspects and Regulation of Blood Cell / Vessel Wall Interactions" chaired by J.-L. Wautier and S. Roath, one out of five papers of the Symposium "White Blood Cells and Ischaemia" chaired by G.B. Nash and T.J. Williams, as well as three out of five papers of the Symposium "Circulatory Effects of Perfluorochemical Blood Substitutes and their Emulsifying Agents" chaired by G.B. Nash and K.C. Lowe.

Our best wishes to our Editors, Referees, Authors and Readers for A Happy New Year!

Siegfried Witte

Jean-François Stoltz