

CONVOCATION

Chairman: Alex Silberberg
President of the International Society of Biorheology

The Chairman in opening the session began by reading a letter from George Scott Blair, the Society's second Poiseuille Medal Awardee.

Scott Blair had written as follows:

Iffley, Oxford
24th August 1978

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF BIORHEOLOGY

Dear Members,

In November 1959, Professor A.L. Copley and I were commissioned personally by Mr. Robert Maxwell to start a journal to be called "BIORHEOLOGY" with the two of us as Co-Editors-in Chief.

The first number appeared in 1962 and, from then on till a year ago, we two were responsible for every Paper that was submitted to the Journal, finding of-ten suitable referees and taking always the final decision as to publication.

With the new arrangements which started about a year ago, we now have twelve Editors and this leaves Professor Copley and myself less to do.

Nevertheless, I am now 76 years old and my sight is failing. I cannot see to read scientific papers nor to use the Science Library. In spite of much help from my wife and other kind friends, I feel that I am no longer keeping abreast of the recent work on biorheology published in our Journal and in many others.

I do not feel competent to continue as Editor-in-Chief and have told the Managing Director of Pergamon and, of course, Professor Copley that I intend to resign as from December 31st of the current year. This should give time for Pergamon to appoint my successor.

I shall always follow, as best I can the activities of the Society and send to you all, assembled at La Jolla, my warmest greetings.

G.W. Scott Blair

It was with deep regret that this announcement was received and the Chairman expressed "the will of the meeting in wishing Dr. Scott Blair good health and many fruitful years in physically less demanding activities".

After the Chairman's remarks on George Scott Blair's letter, A.L. Copley addressed the audience in expressing his deep regret. He also expressed his gratitude and that of the Editors and Publishers for Dr. Scott Blair's services as Co-Editor-in-Chief, as well as his best wishes for the well-being of his close friend. A.L. Copley announced that in a contribution, to be published in *Biorheology*, he will pay tribute to George W. Scott Blair. (This contribution is contained in this special double issue.)

EDITOR