

POISEUILLE AWARD CEREMONY

Chairman: Alex Silberberg

President of the International Society of Biorheology

Introductory Remarks

In calling upon Professor S. Oka, the Society's fourth Poiseuille awardee, to introduce Professor M. Joly the chairman expressed his "own deep gratification that he could preside on the occasion of the award of the medal to someone so distinguished and of so long and enviable a record in scientific endeavour" (1).

I should like to draw attention to the biography, which Maurice Joly presented on Jean-Léonard-Marie Poiseuille, the French physician and physiologist who can be rightly called the first hemorheologist (2). Maurice Joly presented this biography at the First Poiseuille Medal Award Ceremony when Robin Fåhreaus was honored by our Society, then called the International Society of Hemorheology, at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik twelve years ago. As I already mentioned in the tribute to George W. Scott Blair, contained in this double issue of *Biorheology*, dedicated to the awardee, Maurice Joly has been active as an Editor of *Biorheology* since the initiation of our journal.

Several years ago, when George Scott Blair suffered a grave car accident, it was Maurice Joly who aided me more than a year as the Acting Co-Editor-in-Chief of *Biorheology*. He was also instrumental that our First Congress of *Biorheology* could take place as a joint venture with the Sixth International Congress on Rheology at the Palais de Congrès, Lyon, France. He also took an active part in the Nomenclature Committee of our Society. Our friend Syoten Oka did, in his speech, very clearly bring out Joly's great achievements. What I like merely to add is a personal appreciation for Maurice Joly who is honored as the fifth recipient of the award named after his great compatriot.

I should like to convey to our friend Maurice Joly the best wishes of George Scott Blair and myself, of the other Editors, of the Members of our Society as its former President and Past President and of many Readers of our Journal as well as of the Publishers.

The International Society of Biorheology is grateful to the firm Dr. Thiemann of Lünen/ Westfalen, Federal Republic of Germany, as the sponsor of the Society's highest award and to Professor Mayer, the Scientific Director of this firm.

On the front side of the 18 karat Gold Medal, designed by the late Icelandic artist Nina Tryggvadottir, are the portrait and the signature of the first biorheologist, after whom the award is named. Surrounding the portrait, it reads: Jean-Léonard-Marie Poiseuille.

The citation, engraved on the back side of the Medal reads:

To Maurice Joly
For His Pioneering Contributions
to the Rheology of Proteins
and Biological Surfaces
Presented at the
Third International
Congress of Biorheology
University of California
27. August to 1. September 1978
La Jolla

Surrounding the citation on the back side of the Medal along the edge, five words are casted: "The International Society of Biorheology".

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