

## BIORHEOLOGY

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### EDITORIAL

I deeply regret to announce that our international guild of biorheologists has been hit hard again. It is indeed very difficult to have to inform you that, after a long and painful illness, our friend Professor Alexander Silberberg has finally passed away. Alex leaves behind a loving family, a close-knit group of good friends that encompasses five continents and the wonderful image of a scientific sower who generously planted his novel ideas in so many of our laboratories. Alex will be sorrowfully missed for his outstanding multiple scientific talents, his legacy of excellence in science and his intellectual generosity.

Our colleague Prof. Colin Caro has written a moving obituary in the *London Independent* to the memory of Alex. In this issue of *Biorheology*, I have also written an obituary to his memory. I feel however, that Alex deserves a great deal more than obituaries, and I want to use this opportunity to suggest that our next International Congress of Biorheology be dedicated to celebrate the memory of this remarkable scientist and wonderful friend and colleague. Alex will live in all of our hearts, and I think that our next Congress would be an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to him.

There is good news as well. It is indeed a privilege (and also a relief) to announce that our colleague and friend, Professor Harry Goldsmith, has accepted the position of Executive Editor of *Biorheology* starting January, 1994. Harry brings to this position a long record of excellence and well-deserved recognition in our field. It

is difficult to think of a better person to provide the leadership and experience required to steer our journal. I will remain Co-Editor-in-Chief for one more year to facilitate a smooth transition of our operation from Seattle to Montréal.

During the past year, *Biorheology* has been relocated twice, with corresponding and unavoidable increases in entropy. Fortunately, this new move to Montréal does not spring on us unprepared. The operation of the journal is now fully computerized. We have implemented filing and follow-up programs to monitor closely the editorial cycle of manuscripts from reception to production, all of which should facilitate an orderly and smooth transition. The production of the journal will remain temporarily in Seattle, and we will continue to monitor the manuscripts that are presently in review. However, starting January 1, 1994, all new manuscripts should be sent to Professor Goldsmith in Montréal. Details are properly announced in the Instructions for Authors in this issue. In this last editorial, I would like to report on the health of *Biorheology*. The short residence of our journal in Seattle witnessed some important changes, including a redefinition of both scope and editorial policy, and the implementation of a more rigorous review process. We have a new cover, and additions to our group of excellent Associate Editors. *Biorheology* is now produced in our Editorial Office, and is experiencing a large increase in submissions, which is encouraging a shift to large

format. Most of these changes were inspired by Alex, but they would not have been possible without the work of our devoted team of Associate Editors, our Editorial Associate, Dr. Therese Grisham, and the support and cooperation of Associate Publishers Marion Jowett and Justin Robinson from Pergamon Press in Oxford, and Production Editor, Douglas Chernow, from the offices of Pergamon in New York. Thanks to you, my friends!

Finally, it is likely that in the future you will not be hearing from me very often. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your invaluable help and support during these trying times that we, I hope, have left behind us. I hope Santa brings you and your families lots of great surprises, and a very productive and successful New Year.

*Pedro Verdugo*