

EDITORIAL

This double issue is of particular interest to our Readers for reasons given under separate headings.

1. Lars-Erik Gelin (1920-1980)

This issue contains the obituary of Lars-Erik Gelin by one of his former associates, Bengt Zederfeldt. Lars-Erik Gelin, who passed away the year before CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY was established, will be missed by many of our colleagues who have known this charming person, surgeon and clinical hemorheologist, called by many of his friends by the name 'Charlie'. I, as one, was deeply shocked by his untimely death and am joining with many of his friends in expressing our deeply felt sympathy to his wife and family for this most severe loss. Charlie, who participated in many international conferences and congresses pertaining to hemorheology, will always be warmly remembered.

2. Notes on Communications Pertaining to Clinical Hemorheology

Our Readers will be surprised to find Papers which, in accordance with the Editorials in CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY (volume 1, number 2, pp. 115-116, 1981) and BIORHEOLOGY (volume 17, number 5/6, pp. 397-398, 1980) should not have been published in this journal, but in BIORHEOLOGY instead, as these Papers do not deal with clinical hemorheology. However, these Papers were included in this issue as an exception to the editorial policy of BIORHEOLOGY and CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY mentioned above, in order to secure their rapid publication. They should have been submitted to an Editor of BIORHEOLOGY by the Authors or by the Editor. I must emphasize that this is merely an exception and it is hoped that Authors and Editors of both CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY and BIORHEOLOGY will strictly adhere to our editorial policy, published in the above mentioned Editorials.

3. Proceedings of the 2nd European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology, London, England, 30. September to 2. October 1981

The Conference Proceedings are published in part in this issue. Following an introduction to the Proceedings, a report on this meeting by the Conference Chairman is included in this issue, which also gives an account on the Fåhræus Medal, and contains the lecture by its first awardee.

Upon the wish of John A. Dormandy, one of our Editors, the Proceedings of this Conference, edited in general and compiled by Alfred L. Copley, are kept together. This will also be the case in other parts of the Proceedings to be published subsequently in CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY. Upon the acceptance of Conference communications by our Editors, to whom they will have to be submitted, in accordance with our Instructions to Authors, they will be published as rapidly as possible.

In accordance with John A. Dormandy's wish, the Conference Abstracts are kept together in this issue. No other abstracts of this Conference will be published because the deadline for Conference abstracts was November 30, 1981. They had to be retyped for publication in this issue and submitted by that date to the Executive Editorial Office (EEO).

4. Non-Conference Communications

This issue, and also subsequent ones, contain communications which were presented at the London Conference as well as communications not presented there. They are published under the headings 'Conference Communications' and 'Non-Conference Communications'.

5. Notes on the Fåhræus Medal Award

An account pertaining to the Fåhræus Medal is included together with photos of Robin Fåhræus and of the silver medal with the design by L. Alcopley. A recent photo of Shu Chien, the first Fåhræus Awardee, is placed in my Preface of the Proceedings (see: 3).

6. Workshop: Methods for the Measurement of Red Cell Deformability and Filterability

Prior to the 2nd European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology, a workshop meeting took place at the Royal Society of Medicine in London on September 29, 1981. It was a closed meeting of invited participants. The report on this workshop is included in this is-

sue, because it contains useful information to clinical hemorheologists.

7. Account of Introductory Speech and Scott Blair's History of Rheology

George W. Scott Blair's lecture, entitled 'The History of Rheology' is included in this issue, preceded by an account of my Introductory Speech. It should be noted that the lecture will also appear in BIORHEOLOGY 19, double issue 1/2, 1982.

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