

Foreword

The 14th International Congress of Biorheology and the 7th International Conference of Clinical Hemorheology were held at Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, on July 4–7, 2012. This was the sixth joint meeting of the International Society of Biorheology and the International Society of Clinical Hemorheology, and hence followed the tradition of cooperation between the two societies first established in Big Sky, USA (1995) and continued in Pécs, Hungary (1999), Antalya, Turkey (2002), Chongqing, China (2005) and State College, USA (2008). This issue includes papers based on the selected oral presentations given during the meeting.

The joint meeting was held at the main campus of Koç University, located at the north of Istanbul on the European side of Bosphorus in a quiet, forested area overlooking the Black Sea. About 150 participants from 32 countries attended the meeting, resulting in an outstanding scientific program. There were five plenary lectures, twenty eight symposia, seven sessions for oral presentations and a poster discussion session. A variety of topics in the fields of biorheology and clinical hemorheology were included in the scientific program. There was ample time for informal discussions and social activities, including dining at several fish restaurants at the coast of the Bosphorus.

An important event was the presentation of the Poiseuille Gold Medal Award to Prof. Herbert L. Lipowsky for his contributions to the fields of biorheology and hemorheology. Prof. Lipowsky presented a lecture entitled “*In vivo* studies of the rheology of blood flow in the microcirculation” following the award ceremony. We also enjoyed the Hemorheology and Microcirculation Award ceremony during the meeting. Two distinguished scientists, Prof. Brian M. Cooke and Dr. Max Hardeman received this prestigious award, and the paper based on the award lecture by Dr. Hardeman is included in this issue.

All attendees expressed positive comments about the joint meeting and a strong interest in attending the next combined scientific event sponsored by the two societies.

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