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3RD EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON CLINICAL HAEMORHEOLOGY

OPENING ADDRESS

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It is an honour and pleasure for me to welcome you to the THIRD EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY here in Baden-Baden. With these greetings I combine my hearty wishes for a successful conference. I hope that you will have the opportunity to discuss the newest results and future perspectives in microcirculation and hemorheology with your colleagues. Hopefully you will return with exciting new ideas to your laboratory.

With fascination we and the non-specialists observe the dramatic development in hemorheology which is based on your work during the last years. Some of the hitherto unexplainable phenomena in microcirculation and clinical medicine become suddenly understandable. Your experimental models promise future progress in our knowledge of the interactions between the blood rheology, the vessel wall and the metabolism of cells and tissue. In the periphery of the small vessels the circulation fulfills its rationale. In its functional disturbance we find the key for the understanding of disease and death.

The clinicians and the internists hope to receive a better insight into unresolved problems exemplified by the irreversible shock of different origins, the intravascular coagulation and the beginning of the consumption coagulopathy. With excitement I await your progress. Hopefully new concepts and developments will evolve leading to new and successful forms of therapy for our patients. Your programme covers all aspects of medicine. The basic scientist and the clinician in surgery, internal medicine, cardiology, angiology, gastro-enterology and hematology stands in front of an overflowing repertory of knowledge which has been filled with your exciting results.

Bestowing Professor Schmid-Schönbein with the organization and the

chair of this conference we are thankful and proud that he has gained your confidence.

I hope and wish that all your endeavors will be rewarded. Baden-Baden - situated in the lovely black forest - should be suited to give your conference the worthy environment. Once upon a time the governing sovereigns of the world met here. The tradition of this old bathing site may hopefully show you how lovely it can be in German country.

My greetings to you are combined with the great appreciation for your calling this conference into our country. I wish you joy, luck and success during your conference and future work.