

EDITORIAL

The late Maxime Hanss is honored by an obituary written by G.A. Marcel. It includes a portrait photograph of our late colleague. In its Appendix a number of References are cited concerning several of his important scientific contributions as selected by Tony Marcel.

This issue contains ten Papers and four Brief Communications. It also contains Part II of the Conference Proceedings of EUROMECH 186: Rheology of Biological Fluids, Nancy, France, 17-19 September 1984 with M. Lucius and J.F. Stoltz as Co-Chairmen. Part I of the Proceedings appeared in BIORHEOLOGY, Volume 22, No. 5, 1985. Part II of the Proceedings, edited by J.F. Stoltz, is contained in this issue and deals with communications on clinical hemorheology. Any subsequent Parts of this Conference will be published in forthcoming issues of both Journals.

This issue also includes 331 abstracts of communications presented at one international meeting and two national meetings. Two hundred ninety eight abstracts pertain to communications presented at the Fourth European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology, held in Siena, Italy, 20-22 June 1985. These abstracts were accepted by the International Scientific Advisory Committee of this Conference and submitted to the Journal by Sandro Forconi of the University of Siena. In order to assist the Reader in finding the abstract of a particular communication, the list of Authors in alphabetical order, as printed in the Conference Program, is reproduced. It is regrettable that some of the abstracts published in the Abstract Issue of the Conference are not properly presented and the request by the Conference Organizers during the Conference to re-submit such abstracts for publication in our Journal was only complied with in some instances which is greatly appreciated.

A second group of abstracts in this issue are those of communications on clinical hemorheology presented at the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Biorheology, organized by M. Asano and C. Ohkubo and held at the Institute of Public Health, Tokyo, Japan, 15-16 June 1985. This issue contains those abstracts pertaining to clinical hemorheology, while those abstracts pertaining to biorheological fields other than clinical hemorheology appear in BIORHEOLOGY, Volume 22, No. 4, 1985.

The third group comprising 13 abstracts concerns communications presented at the Fourth Joint Meeting on Clinical Hemorheology of the French Society of Biorheology (Société de Biorhéologie de la Langue Française) and the Society of Hemorheology of the West (Société d'Hémorhéologie de l'Ouest - SHO). This Joint Meeting on Clinical Hemorheology was held at Chateaubriant de Bretagne on 1 June 1985.

The abstracts of presentations of the above three Conferences mirror the vitality of the advancement of clinical hemorheology, particularly in Western European countries. It is refreshing that clinical investigation pertaining to hemorheology is augmenting and it appears that in the near future this vigorous field of clinical biorheology will become more and more important in many other countries besides Western Europe.

In forthcoming issues of CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY, the Proceedings of the Fourth European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology will be published in several parts. These issues will contain the Plenary Lectures, the texts pertaining to the Fåhræus Award Ceremony including the Fåhræus Award Lecture and the communications of the seven Round Tables. Forthcoming issues will also contain Papers of free communications and posters presented at this Conference. We, therefore, appeal to the authors of free communications and posters to submit, if they so wish, their manuscripts to an Editor of their choice at their earliest possible convenience so that, if accepted, they can be published without delay in a forthcoming

issue of our Journal under the heading 'Conference Communications'.

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