

Editorial



In 1980 Professor Siegfried Witte together with Professor Alfred Copley and in cooperation with a group of active colleagues, launched the journal “Clinical Hemorheology, A companion Journal of Biorheology” at Pergamon Press. The journal has undergone continual development. In 1993 Professor Jean François Stoltz (Vandoeuvre les Nancy, France) joined the team as second Editor-in-Chief, and the journal was given a subtitle: “An international journal on Blood Flow, Vessel Wall, Interstitium: Transport and Interactions”. In recent years the title has yet again been modified to “Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation, Blood Flow and Vessels”.

From the very beginning of the journal until 2001 Professor Witte put a lot of work and effort into making Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation a publication for rheologically orientated scientists worldwide. Thanks to the visionary and cosmopolitan Al Copley, as well as to the serious personality and steady work of Siegfried Witte, the journal is now a medium for all clinical rheologists and clinical researchers active in the field of microcirculation.

When Siegfried Witte decided to retire as Editor-in-Chief the journal was still of utmost importance to him so the choice of successors concerned him greatly. Only after this had been taken care of in a way that was acceptable to both Al Copley and himself was he able to set his mind at rest.

The journal will always be greatly indebted to Siegfried Witte.

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