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THIS Number of *Biorheology* includes lectures given at a special Session of the First International Congress on Biorheology, in memory of our much loved Editor, AHARON KATZIR-KATCHALSKY.

But, so far as this Journal is concerned, an earlier Number (Volume 9, No. 3) was especially dedicated to his memory.

The present Number is dedicated to Professor A. L. COPLEY, co-Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, the first President of International Society of Biorheology and recipient of the third Poiseuille Gold Medal. This Number also includes an account of the presentation Ceremony.

The congress was held in association with the Sixth International Congress on Rheology under the auspices of The International Committee on Rheology at the University Claude Bernard and the National Institute of Applied Science. The President of the Congress was ALFRED L. COPLEY, one of the co-Editors-in-Chief of this journal. The Honorary Presidents were J. F. CIER, Honorary Dean, Claude Bernard University, Lyon, France and M. BESSIS, Director Institut de Pathologie Cellulaire, Hôpital Bicêtre, Le Kremlin-Bicêtre, France.

The Joint Inaugural Session and Joint Plenary Session of the Sixth International Congress on Rheology and the First International Congress of Biorheology were held on Monday, 4 September 1972 at which ALFRED L. COPLEY delivered both an Inaugural Address, entitled "Biorheology as an Organized Science" and a Plenary Lecture entitled "On Biorheology". The programs of both Congresses consisted of invited lectures and free communications.

In order to expedite the publication of papers presented at the First International Congress of Biorheology, the Editors-in-Chief have made arrangements with the publisher, Pergamon Press, Ltd., to have these papers published in this and subsequent issues of *Biorheology*. The present issue contains the plenary lectures dedicated to the memory of AHARON KATZIR-KATCHALSKY. The invited speakers are designated by an asterisk. The Joint Inaugural Address and Joint Plenary Lecture delivered by ALFRED L. COPLEY appear in this issue which is dedicated to him in recognition of his outstanding contributions, both in research and organization, to the field of biorheology. This issue also contains details of the Poiseuille Gold Medal Award Ceremony including texts by G. V. F. SEAMAN, G. W. SCOTT BLAIR and the acceptance speech by Professor ALFRED L. COPLEY who was the third recipient of the Poiseuille Gold Medal which is awarded every 3 years.

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