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It is a great pleasure and honor for me to chair the meeting at which our President is to receive the Poiseuille Medal Award. ALFRED L. COPLEY needs no introduction to you. As you know, it is in large measure through his organizational abilities that we exist as a Society. It is therefore appropriate that the highest honor of the International Society of Biorheology should be bestowed on him in recognition for his many and outstanding contributions both in research and organization to the field of biorheology.

The Medal, of 18 carat gold, has on one side in relief a portrait of Poiseuille, the French physician and physiologist who is recognized as the first hemorheologist. The portrait was drawn by the icelandic artist NINA TRYGGVADOTTIR, the late wife of Professor COPLEY from a photograph found in the archives of the Académie de Médecine in Paris, France. The signature of Poiseuille was supplied for the medal by Dr. M. JOLY and was placed by the artist below the portrait and is also cast in relief. The reverse side of the medal carries the engraved citation—to ALFRED L. COPLEY, First President, The International Societies of Hemorheology and Biorheology for his outstanding contributions both in research and organization to these fields, followed by the name, address and dates of this Congress.

The previous recipients of the Medal were firstly, Dr. ROBIN FÁHRAEUS, who received the medal in July 1966, at the I. International Congress of Hemorheology held at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik, Iceland, and secondly, Dr. GEORGE W. SCOTT BLAIR, who received the medal in August 1969, at the II. International Congress of Hemorheology held at the University of Heidelberg in Heidelberg, Germany. Dr. SCOTT BLAIR, as the previous recipient of the award, will give an address honoring ALFRED L. COPLEY and will then present the Poiseuille Medal to him.

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