

EDITORIAL

4. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF BIORHEOLOGY
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The publication of this issue has been delayed, because it was necessary to include the Abstracts of the Fourth International Congress of Biorheology to be held at Jikei University School of Medicine from 27. July to 1. August, 1981.

Yaso'o Matunobu, Secretary General of the Organizing Committee, stated in a recent letter to us that it has come to the attention of the Committee that many interested parties did not receive the Announcement and Call for Papers for the Fourth International Congress of Biorheology in time to meet the 31. January deadline. The deadline for these Abstracts has, therefore, been extended to April 20, 1981. We have been asked to inform our Readers that those interested to participate in the Congress, who have not received the Announcement and Call for Papers (Second Circular), should communicate directly with the Organizing Committee of the Fourth International Congress of Biorheology, Department of Physics, Keio University, Hiyoshi, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama 223, Japan.

We are glad to include in this issue the 159 Abstracts which we received from the Secretary General. These Abstracts could not have been published earlier, because the original deadline for receipt of abstracts was set by the Organizing Committee for 31. January, 1981.

BIORHEOLOGY, as the Official Journal of the International Society of Biorheology, publishes the abstracts as they have been accepted by the Organizing Committee of the Congress. However, in general, abstracts will have to be presented in accordance with our Instructions for Abstracts. These Instructions for Abstracts other than those of international congresses of our Society are limited

to 300 words or a special typing area, and to a different format. They also do not include Figures and Tables containing any original data. In other words, the abstracts pertaining to the congresses or meetings of the International Society of Biorheology are published in ways acceptable to the Organizing Committee of these Congresses or Conferences and, therefore, do not need to adhere to our Instructions.

Our Readers will find more details about the presentations of these Congress Abstracts in a Preamble preceding the 159 Abstracts in this issue.

It is gratifying that the Congress in Tokyo has already attracted 159 communications from 18 countries. One would expect that Japan is strongly represented, followed by France, USA, F.R. Germany, China, India and the USSR. These communications do not include invited lectures. It is expected that the new deadline of 20. April will further increase the number of communications to be presented.

The advance publication of the Congress Abstracts at the earliest possible date in this and forthcoming issues will hopefully induce many of our Readers to participate in the Congress from 27. July to 1. August and also in the Satellite Symposium on Hemorheological Approach to Cardiovascular Diseases on 3. August at the National Cardiovascular Center in Osaka.

We have been advised by Takehiko Azuma, Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee, that the abstracts of the Plenary Lectures will soon become available for publication in BIORHEOLOGY. These abstracts together with any additional abstracts of Papers will be published in double issue 2/3 of volume 18.

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