

EDITORIAL

This Memorial Issue is dedicated to ALFRED L. COPLEY, the Founder of our Journal CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY. After the taking over of the Executive Editorial Office from him, it was our first and very sad duty in this year's Issue No.1 to inform our readers of his untimely sudden death on 28 January 1992. That issue was dedicated to him and included contributions from Siegfried Witte and Birger Blombäck, honouring his merits as a Scientist, Teacher and Founder.

A precious and highly regarded legacy to us is his detailed curriculum vitae with bibliography - published in Biorheology 18, 703-723 (1981) - which was continued by him with the contribution "The History of Clinical Hemorheology", Clin. Hemorheol. 5, 765-811 (1985). Finally, he has left a unique memorial to himself through his book, entitled "ONE MAN TWO VISIONS L. Alcopley - A.L. Copley Artist and Scientist", compiled by Alex Silberberg, Pergamon Press (1992).

All former and present Editors of CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY were invited to participate in this Memorial Issue with contributions in which Alfred L. Copley's stimulating impulse and influence on their own scientific work should be illustrated or assimilated.

We wish to thank them for their generous and extensive response by which, consequently, our Editors are giving evidence for the growth and importance of the science of clinical hemorheology.

Siegfried Witte

Jean-François Stoltz