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EDITORIAL:

With this issue, Number 1 of Volume 15, we as Editors-in-Chief look back on the 3 years of service to our journal.

The Science of Clinical Hemorheology has markedly broadened its international base. This can be seen by the vast number of contributions from many different countries.

We decided to compare the number of publications (Original Papers and Abstracts of Congress Sessions) for the year 1989-1990 (Volume 9&10) and 1993-1994 (Volume 13&14). A marked increase in publications for the past two years was seen for: Austria, China, Germany, Japan, Sweden and the United Kingdom. A slight increase was noted for publications from France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Russia and Spain.

Rather favourable is the fact that a large number of publications originated from countries from which contributions to our journal had not been submitted before. These were: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Georgia, Romania, Slovenia, South Africa, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

Clinical Hemorheology seems to have gained a broad scientific and practical application.

As our readers should be aware, we changed the Editorial Policy at the beginning of Volume 12(1992) (see Editorial 11, 569:1991). In doing so, we wanted to improve the quality of publications. We were, however, rather worried that this would lengthen the reviewing process considerably (see Editorial 14, 147:1994). We thus decided to examine the handling time ie: the time of receipt by the Executive Editorial Office, until the time of acceptance for publication. For Volume 13&14 (1993-1994), the mean handling time was 6 months, with a standard deviation of 5 months. When comparing this to the data of previous years (Volume 11&12), which also had a mean handling time of 6 months and a standard deviation of 7 months, we can say that there is no noticeable difference. For this we would like to thank all our Editors and Authors.

Furthermore, we would also like to thank the numerous Authors of Review Articles, who enabled us to publish their articles on a regular basis. We hope that this feature, which was started two years ago, will be continued in the future.

Finally, we would like to thank our retiring Editor, Edzard Ernst for his long-standing service. We would also like to welcome our new Editors: Megha Singh from India and H. Kiesewetter from Germany.

Best wishes to our readers and Editors for 1995

Siegfried Witte

Jean-Francois Stoltz