



BIORHEOLOGY

EDITORIAL

Three issues of *Biorheology* have been published since I took over the Executive Editorship of the journal; to my surprise, there have been no major upsets to contend with. The journal continues to function well. Undoubtedly, this has much less to do with the Editors-in-Chief than with the hard work of the Editorial Associate, Therese Grisham, and the work of the Associate Editors, who are doing an excellent and valiant job coaxing reviews from referees in a reasonable time. A cursory reading of the May-June issue (Vol. 31, No. 3), however, reveals that the time from manuscript submission to publication is still too long. The test of whether this Executive Editor has made any difference in this respect will come in later issues, when recently submitted and accepted papers are published. Together with the Associate Editors, we are doing our best to reduce the time spent on review. Unfortunately, I am not helping my cause by insisting on a rigorous review process, since this has led to an appreciable fraction of rejected papers, and a request for significant revision for most of the remainder. Yet, this is the only way of upgrading the standards of the journal. If you are a reader whose paper was rejected, I encourage you to submit other material, bearing in mind the comments of the reviewers and what is expected of good and precise scientific writing.

The present issue contains the Abstracts of the Third International Symposium on Biofluid Mechanics, which will be held at the Institut für Biotechnik in Munich, Germany, from 16 to 19 July, 1994. The meeting

is organized and chaired by Dr. Dieter Liepsch, who has long been active in this field. Dr. Liepsch also organized the Second International Symposium, held in the United States in 1991. The Third Symposium is a satellite symposium of the Second World Congress of Biomechanics, which will be held in Amsterdam during the week of 10-15 July, 1994. No doubt many of our readers will be attending one or both of these meetings.

The sciences of biomechanics and biorheology overlap considerably, as will become evident to the participants in the Amsterdam meeting. During the past two years, this overlap could be seen in the contents of *Biorheology*, since a greater proportion of published articles dealt with subject matter other than hemorheology. Thus, in the last three issues, only 11 of 24 articles addressed aspects of blood rheology. We welcome this shift of emphasis and hope that the interests of our contributors will continue to broaden.

Finally, I am happy to report that the plans for the Ninth International Congress of Biorheology are well underway. The Congress will be held, together with the Second International Congress on Clinical Hemorheology, at the Yellowstone National Conference Center in Big Sky, Montana, from 23-28 July, 1995. Abstract forms will be sent out in October, and will be published, along with those for the Clinical Hemorheology Congress, in the *Biorheology* issue preceding the Congress.

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