

SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF BIORHEOLOGY

PREFACE AND EDITORIAL

This issue comprises Part I of the Proceedings of the Sixth International Congress of Biorheology, which was held at the University of British Columbia at Vancouver, B.C., Canada from 27 July to 1 August 1986. It is a Special Issue, dedicated to Y.C.B. (Bert) Fung, who was awarded the Poiseuille Gold Medal by the International Society of Biorheology. A photographic portrait of Bert Fung is presented as the frontispiece of the issue.

The President of the Congress was Donald E. Brooks and the President of the Society, for the past three years, was Harry Goldsmith. Both Presidents and their associates organized a highly successful Congress. It had seven Plenary Lectures, nine Symposia, many Free Communications and Posters. There was likewise a fine social program.

This issue contains the Welcome Addresses and other speeches given at the Congress, five Plenary Lectures, the Poiseuille Award Lecture and a list of members of the new Council of the International Society of Biorheology. The newly elected President of the Society is Jean-François Stoltz of Nancy, France, who also will be President of the Seventh International Congress of Biorheology, to be held at Nancy in 1989.

The Congress at Vancouver marks the 20. Anniversary of the Society. Originally, it was named The International Society of Hemorheology, founded during the First International Conference on Hemorheology, held from 10 - 16 July 1966 at the University of Iceland under its auspices in Reykjavik. Its Second International Conference was held from 27 July to 1 August 1969 at the University of Heidelberg, West Germany under its auspices. During this Conference it was found necessary to widen the scope of the Society to all fields of biorheology. Thus, already after three years of its existence, it became The International Society of Biorheology. Several months

later, it was recognized as an Affiliated Commission of The International Union of Pure and Applied Biophysics (IUPAB). The First International Congress of Biorheology was held at Lyon, France, together with the VI. International Congress on Rheology, from 4-8 September 1972. A list of all Congresses and Congress Presidents of our Society and of the Society Presidents is included in this issue.

Presidents Brooks and Goldsmith made a celebration of the event of the Society's 20. Anniversary during the Salmon Barbecue held on the grounds of the Museum of Anthropology of the University of British Columbia. The celebration, not mentioned in the Congress program or otherwise, was greatly appreciated. It came as a complete surprise to me and the other Congress participants.

Subsequent issues of BIORHEOLOGY will contain the papers of the Symposia with the exception of those pertaining to 'Current Developments in Clinical Hemorheology', papers of which will be published in CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY. All Symposium Papers will be edited by the respective chairmen.

Forthcoming issues will contain Free Communications and Papers or Brief Communications based on Posters, as submitted by the Authors to Editors of BIORHEOLOGY or CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY. These communications will be designated as Congress Communications in the above journals. Authors of Free Communications and of Posters, are, therefore, encouraged to submit their manuscripts as Papers or Brief Communications to Editors of their choice. A communication dealing with any field of biorheology other than clinical hemorheology should be submitted to an editor of BIORHEOLOGY, while a communication dealing with clinical hemorheology should be sent to an Editor of CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY.

Any communication will need to be presented in accordance to the Instructions to Authors, which are identical for both Official Journals of the International Society of Biorheology.

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Best wishes, shared by Alex Silberberg, to the Readers of BIORHEOLOGY for a scientifically profitable Happy New Year!

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