

EDITORIAL

BIORHEOLOGY began publication in July, 1962. Thus, it exists now in its 25th year. Since this issue completes volume 24, an Editorial in issue number 1 of volume 25 will give a brief account of the first twenty-five years of our Journal's existence.

This issue contains the Congress Papers of two Symposia, comprising Part IV of the Proceedings of the Sixth International Congress of Biorheology, edited by A.L. Copley and H.L. Goldsmith. One of these Symposia is entitled 'Cellular and Molecular Basis of Mucus Rheology', and is mainly edited by P. Verdugo. It has a Foreword by A. Silberberg and a Preface by P. Verdugo. This Symposium gathers the most important contributions of the last few years pertaining to this field of biorheology. Thirteen out of 16 Papers of this Symposium are presented in Part IV. The three remaining Papers could not be secured for this issue, but are expected to be published soon. Three out of the four Papers of the Congress Symposium, entitled 'Molecular Biorheology', are edited by Guest Editor Shu Chien.

It has always been greatly appreciated by the Readers of BIORHEOLOGY that our Journal publishes, if possible, all Plenary Lectures and Congress Symposia, as they are of great significance towards the advancement of the science of biorheology. These special Congress Communications, each of which is invited by the Scientific Congress Committee and, in the case of Symposia, entrusted for selection to the invited Chairman, carry great responsibility for the invited Authors. These Communications are meant to be presented by outstanding scientists in different fields of biorheology and are, therefore, expected to provide our Readers with the present status of these fields or of any other chosen field of special interest to biorheologists towards the furtherance of our science.

Since BIORHEOLOGY is available all over the globe in the libraries of leading universities and research institutions, these invited Congress Communications reach a large scientific public and thus are among the foremost vehicles of scientific contributions to biorheology.

Apparently the need in preparing manuscripts of Lectures and Symposium Papers is not always appreciated by some of the invited Authors. They do not seem to be aware that any person so selected is highly honored in these presentations both by the Scientific Congress Committee as well as by the two Official Journals of the International Society of Biorheology, namely BIORHEOLOGY and CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY.

This issue contains, as well, nine Non-Congress Communications.

As volume 24, number 6 will appear before the end of this year, we send our best wishes to our Editors, Authors and Readers for a scientifically profitable and Happy New Year!

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