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THE A. L. COPLEY LECTURE AWARD FOR YOUNG INVESTIGATORS IN
CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

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I have been asked by Albrecht Ehrly, our Conference Chairman, to give an account about the A. L. Copley Lecture Award and to introduce its second Awardee.

Jean-François Stoltz and Michel Boisseau informed me three years ago that it was decided to institute the A.L. Copley Lecture to honor me and the Awardee. This was initiated at the Fifth European Conference on Clinical Hemorheology at Bordeaux, France.

I accepted the honor with the following stipulations. First I expressed the wish that the Award should be given to a young investigator and, accordingly, it was my wish that this should be reflected in the name of the Lecture. I suggested that it be named 'The A. L. Copley Lecture for Young Investigators in Clinical Hemorheology'. The other stipulation was that I should not be involved in the selection of the Awardee.

I thought it best that the members of the Scientific Committee or the Executive Board of the European Conferences, wherever they will be held, will be most familiar with the work and attainments of young investigators in clinical hemorheology, who are of high caliber in the country where the Conference will be held or from any other country. Thus, they will be in a good po-

sition to decide more readily, who among the young clinical hemorheologists should be the recipient of the honor in presenting the A. L. Copley Lecture.

I am glad that the A. L. Copley Lecture for Young Investigators in Clinical Hemorheology is an integral part of this Conference. I trust that the A. L. Copley Lecture will be given in future Conferences by promising young investigators in clinical hemorheology, regardless whether or not I shall still be around.

We all know from the historical studies by Robin Fåhræus that clinical hemorheology is the oldest practice in the history of medicine. We all are aware that modern clinical hemorheology is still in its infancy. It will become more and more the link of most if not all clinical fields of medicine, similar to the role of the science of biorheology, to which it belongs, in the future of the bio-medical sciences. What is not yet fully realized is that biorheology has been considered to be the link between most if not all life sciences. This is equally true of each field of clinical biorheology. Clinical hemorheology in association with clinical perihemorheology will become among the most important fields in the practice of medicine and surgery. In the future, these fields will play central roles in the practice of clinical medicine and surgery and in their advancement.

The meaning of the A. L. Copley Lecture Award is to serve as a stimulus to young investigators to continue with their studies and ultimately become leaders of clinical investigations in hemorheology.

The person chosen by the Executive Board of the 6. European Conference of Clinical Hemorheology is Dr. Franz-Joseph Neumann. He was born in Aachen, West Germany, in 1955 and studied medicine there at the Medical School of the Technische Hochschule. Franz-Joseph Neumann was fortunate to have as his teacher our friend

and colleague Holger Schmid-Schönbein. He was guided by him in his studies, leading in 1981 to his doctoral thesis on the topic of 'Thermodynamics and Red Cell Aggregation'. His medical school considered his dissertation as summa cum laude and gave him a medal for 'Best Dissertation of the Year'.

Dr. Neumann served his internship of one year in London at Westminster Hospital. Since 1983 he has been Resident in Cardiology at the Medical School of the University of Heidelberg. There he is guided by Professor Kübler, who is known as one of the leading cardiologists in West Germany.

We expect that Franz-Joseph Neumann will continue with his hemorheological studies and hopefully will play a leading role in the advancement of clinical hemorheology. We wish him well.

Dr. Neumann will present The A. L. Copley Lecture for Young Investigators In Clinical Hemorheology on the topic 'Hemorheologic Abnormalities in Acute Coronary Syndromes-Cause or Consequence?'. It gives me great pleasure to introduce him with my congratulations.



Franz-Joseph Neumann
A. L. Copley Lecture Awardee 1989

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