

Editorial

This issue contains obituaries of Hellmut Hartert and Alex Silberberg, two pioneers of haemorheology. Without them our science in its theoretical and practical development would not have been possible. They were its co-founders. With their passing, many of us have lost true friends.

With this issue the Executive Editorial Office is starting its third year of activity on the basis and perspectives outlined 1981 by Alfred L. Copley, the founder of the journal. For this year we are planning the renewal and expansion of the Board-of-Editors to 24 members, as originally envisaged at the foundation of the journal. Furthermore, in agreement with the publisher, we expect a considerable increase of readers due to the fact that CLINICAL HEMORHEOLOGY will not only be "An official Journal of the International Society of Biorheology" as in the past but also "Official Journal of the International Society for Clinical Hemorheology" as well as "Official Journal of the European Society for Clinical Hemorheology". Thus, it is keeping pace with the growing significance of clinical haemorheology for the practice of medicine in all its fields in many countries on all continents.

We are following our aims also by including a new section "Dissertation Abstracts", which is published in this issue for the first time. This new service is being proposed by our Editor Max R. Hardeman and he will be in charge of this section. Young doctors are invited to submit a copy of their thesis to our Editor Max R. Hardeman, Amsterdam, Netherlands, for abstracting and publication in our journal.

Moreover, this issue contains a Review Article by C. Zoukourian and J.-L. Wautier. From now on we intend to publish periodic Review Articles on related or specialized aspects of clinical

haemorheology and do appreciate any suggestions and interesting contributions.

Best wishes for 1994 to our READERS and EDITORS!

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