Preface

Volume XI of the Proceedings of the EDTA shows again that the Association is vigorous and progressive. The Editors would once again like to thank all those contributors who sent in their manuscripts on time.

We feel it is important to remind contributors that acceptance of a paper for presentation at the Congress implies that this paper will be published in the Proceedings, and that authors who do not send in their papers cannot be said to be complying with the spirit and aims of the Association.

You will notice that on the advice of Pitman Medical we have adopted a different design for this volume: we hope you will agree it is an improvement on the previous format. We would stress once again how important it is for all contributors to follow the Notes to Contributors sent to them — authors’ addresses cannot be included in the index if we are not given them!

Once again, costs and paper shortages have prevented the publication of offprints, but the Council decided to publish 3,000 copies of this year’s volume, 1,000 more than in 1973. It is already apparent that the extra volumes may not satisfy demand, since great interest in the EDTA is developing outside Europe, particularly in Japan where an advance order has been placed for 500 copies.

The fact that the Proceedings is now in the Index Medicus will also help in the dissemination of information from European Nephrology Centres. For the United States, the Council of the ASAIO has agreed that Professor G E Schreiner of Georgetown University, Washington DC should include information about the Proceedings in the ASAIO mail order envelopes, and several thousand of these have been distributed to United States’ nephrologists. The Proceedings can now be ordered in the United States direct from Professor G E Schreiner at Georgetown University, 3800 Reservoir Road, Washington DC 20007. We are particularly grateful to George Schreiner for his enthusiasm in helping the dissemination of your contributions in this way.

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