FOREWORD

The present volume is the permanent record of the scientific aspects of the 14th Congress of the European Dialysis and Transplant Association. Helsinki proved to be a successful choice for the congress, and the Finlandia Hall was not only a spacious and practical but also an attractive frame for the meeting. The organisation of the congress was excellent and the association is indebted to the Congress President, Professor Björn Lindström, the Congress Secretary, Dr Boris Kock, and their co-workers for all their activities.

At the close of the 13th Congress in Hamburg in 1976, Dr Hans Gurland resigned from his office as chairman of the EDTA Registration Committee, which has grown to become the most comprehensive statistical record on the care of terminal renal failure by the complementary methods of dialysis and renal transplantation. The Association wishes to thank Dr Gurland for his devoted contributions to this achievement. We welcome the new chairman of the Registry, Dr A J Wing, and want to congratulate him on the successful way in which the change of guards has so obviously taken place.

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