PREFACE

The 14th Congress in Helsinki was very successful with a varied and very interesting programme and we hope that these Proceedings provide a fitting and useful record of the meeting.

We have made minor changes in the format this year, notably in the listing of references in the text, in order to economise on space — we hope without any loss of convenience to the reader. We include an Editorial Review (by Professor Andreucci) and Council decided that, despite the preliminary announcement for the 14th Congress, we should include a summary of each of the poster presentations, which were a new feature at this year’s Congress. In addition to the original communications and the now famous Statistical Review, other valuable contributions are the Guest Lecture by Professor Keith Peters and a stimulating scientific forum on approaches to specific immunosuppression.

The Editor’s task is made more difficult if manuscripts are late, not in accordance with the Instructions to Authors or worse, do not arrive at all. After considerable ‘bullying’ the latter event was avoided, but the two former problems have delayed us in passing the Proceedings to the Publishers. We hope all contributors will co-operate in order to ease our task in Istanbul.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the great help we had from the Congress Secretary, Dr Boris Kock and his assistants, who provided excellent facilities and a competent and willing staff of audiotypists to help with preparing the discussion transcripts. We would like to thank Dr Andrew Gibbons for help in checking manuscripts and discussions. The organising and secretarial help of Miss Irene Darlaston was once again an essential part of the Editorial effort and the enthusiasm, hard work and close co-operation of Mrs Betty Dickens and Pitman Medical again ensured speedy production of this volume.

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