PREFACE

This is the written record of the scientific proceedings of the 15th Annual Congress of the EDTA. Our fears that the close proximity of dates of the Istanbul Meeting and of several other important meetings in the Nephrologist’s calendar would reflect upon the number and quality of scientific contributions fortunately proved groundless. Many very good abstracts had to be rejected because of lack of time. We hope these Proceedings will reflect the interest and high scientific quality of a very successful Congress. We are indebted to Professor Onen, Dr Ulku and their colleagues for the excellent facilities and help which they provided for the Editorial team.

The comment has sometimes been made that although we aim to produce these Proceedings within five months of the Congress, and in the same year as the Congress, we do not achieve as good a record as at least one contemporary. But we should point out that the Registry Report, an invaluable part of the Proceedings, is not forwarded to us before mid-August because of the time taken to process returns. The ‘talk manuscript’ available at the Congress is only a preliminary report without the full or final data and not, as some have thought, the full EDTA Registry report.

As new techniques come into use it is essential that we endeavour to standardise terminology so that we can communicate with one another. Associations such as ours have an important role to play in this standardisation so we have been in communication with our colleagues across the Atlantic. We propose the following terminology for the various recently introduced methods of treatment; and we have endeavoured to use these terms in this volume:

*Isolated Ultrafiltration* — removal of fluid and molecular substances by convective transport through a semi-permeable membrane.

*(Controlled) Sequential Ultrafiltration/Haemodialysis (CSU)* — sequential application of ultrafiltration and haemodialysis in either order.

*Haemofiltration* — convective transport of molecular substances by high flux membranes requiring special equipment and pre- or post-filter fluid replacement.

*Diafiltration, Haemodiafiltration* — terms synonymous with above but no longer used.

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during and after the Congress organising the Editorial office, preparing transcripts and helping with proof reading and indexing.

This year there were no communications or discussions in French, so we did not have to call upon our French-speaking Associate, Pierre Vereerstraeten. We would like to express our thanks to him for his help in previous volumes and our hope that we can once again enlist his services if we need them.

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