The growth of the Association continued. By 1st June 1969 the EDTA numbered 477 full and 67 associate members making a total of 544 members (1967 - 1968 440 full and 50 associate members, total 490). Sixty-six new members were elected, 6 resigned and 6 were taken off the list for non-payment of dues.

Council meetings were held in Amsterdam on 26th October 1968 and in Paris on 22nd March 1969. At its Amsterdam meeting Council reconsidered the venue of the 1969 meeting and decided to relocate it closer in time and place to the ISN meeting and to postpone the visit to East Berlin to a later year. The hospitality of the Swedish members, notably Professor Alwall as president of the ISN, made this move possible. Dr. Harje Bucht (Stockholm) was elected local secretary for 1968-9. A combined session with the ISN was arranged for 27th June and a 1½ day meeting of EDTA on 28th and 29th June 1969.

Council appointed a Registration Committee (Dr. H. J. Gurland (Munich), Dr. F. Parsons (Leeds) and Dr. W. Drukker (Amsterdam)) which carefully considered the annual RDT and Transplantation surveys and presented several technical recommendations concerning both surveys to Council. Some of these were incorporated in this year's questionnaires; single patient forms were used for both surveys to facilitate a combined survey in future years. It was decided that the Registration Committee should be a permanent body and a constitutional basis will be proposed to a subsequent annual business meeting.

The Programme Selection Committee appointed for 1969 consisted of Professor A. C. Kennedy, Glasgow (Chairman), Professor H. Dutz (East Berlin), Dr. E. Rotellar (Barcelona), Professor L. Migone (Parma), Dr. H. Bucht (Stockholm), Dr. B. de Brit (Dublin), Professor T. Orlowski (Warsaw) and Dr. J. Ph. Mery (Paris). They received 77 abstracts which
were presented to Council members, anonymously and without names of centres, for grading. From these the Selection Committee chose 44 papers for presentation and 14 scientific exhibits.

A new directory of members including a list of European dialysis centres was published and sent to members in September 1968; the cost of printing was kindly borne by Godart N.V., Bilthoven (Holland) and Bio/Systems Inc., Santa Monica, California (USA). Now that this directory is available, lists of members will not be published in the Proceedings.

Volume 5 of the Proceedings was about the same length as Volume 4 and appeared in April 1969, 10 months after the fifth conference (Volumes 1 - 4, publication delay 8, 7, 11 and 8 months). At the Paris Council meeting it was decided that rising costs made a change in publication system inevitable. A simpler, cheaper format provided by Pitman Medical & Scientific Publishing Co. Ltd., England, was selected and the recording and publication of free discussion was discontinued for the time being.

Financial report. As in the previous year Dr. Twiss (Rotterdam) and Dr. Vander Hem (Groningen) certified the 1968 accounts of the EDTA as correct. A statement of accounts at 31.12.68 has been distributed to members at the business meeting. From the net balance of D.fl. 43,875 must be deducted the publishing costs of Volume 5 of the Proceedings amounting to D.fl. 35,508 which was paid during 1969 leaving a true balance of only D.fl. 8,366. To the costs this year must be added a contribution towards the computerization and statistical analysis of the RDT report; it is hoped that part of the costs may be contributed by the Dutch Ministry of Health and Social Security.

At the end of this year's annual meeting I resign as Secretary/Treasurer after five years in office. I thank you for your confidence, support and friendship.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank my wife and my secretary, Miss Gerda Kaandorp, who actually did the major part of the work silently behind the scenes for so many years.

William Drukker