Foreword

It is with great regret that we record the death of Professor V. Ferioli, author of two of the papers in this volume. Illness prevented his appearance at the Stockholm Conference where the papers were read by title. Our President has sent a message of sympathy from the Association to the family.

Volume VI of the Proceedings is a turning point in several ways. It is the swan song of Walter Elliott and myself who retire after our second term. Our successors are Stewart Cameron and Chisholm Ogg of Guy’s Hospital, London, and Daniel Fries will continue to edit the French text. They will value your views on all aspects of the publication and particularly your reactions to the changes introduced this year; please write to them with your views before they start on Volume VII. Is the inclusion of an Editorial a good or bad idea? Would you prefer a periodic review on the lines of Schreiner and Maher’s invaluable survey on the dialysance of drugs and poisons and if so on what topics?

The other changes this year have been dictated by the steadily increasing length and cost of the Proceedings in the previous five years. We would like to record our appreciation of the work of Excerpta Medica in the production of Volumes II to V. Mr. Vuysje, Mr. Heldring and their staff were congenial colleagues and we doubt whether anyone else could have produced a printed volume of the same length and quality in two languages in as short a time. In order to reduce both cost and publication delay we have had to change to a simpler format and to omit the free discussions. We particularly regret the absence of discussions but the transcription and editing of these is the most time-consuming and expensive part of production. We hope that the speedier arrival of your volume will compensate for the loss.

The bibliographies in this volume confirm that the literature on dialysis and transplantation is scattered over a wide range of journals and books but about a third of the citations are from previous volumes of these Proceedings or from the Transactions of the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs. New members of our Association may well wish to stock up their libraries with these volumes, the publishers of which are not quoted in each article, in order to conserve space. Volume I of our Proceedings is out of print. Volumes II to V can still be obtained from Excerpta Medica (International Congress Series numbers 103, 131 and 155 and 179). The Transactions of the ASAIO are published by Georgetown University, Washington D.C., U.S.A., and can be ordered from Dr. George Schreiner at that address. All the recent volumes and some early volumes are still in print.

Finally may I commend to all members of the EDTA three measures which will help the new Editor to produce the Proceedings more quickly, cheaply and successfully year by year:
(1) See that he receives at the conference the manuscripts of all papers and demonstrations, typed in the correct format, in duplicate with duplicate figures and tables (instructions to authors are set out on page 376).

(2) Persuade your library to place a standing order for the Proceedings.

(3) Read the advertisement pages and if you write to any of the manufacturers, tell them you found their names in the Proceedings.

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