Notes from the Editors

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The International Journal of Microcirculation: Clinical and Experimental was founded in 1980 by the society together with Kluwer Academic Publishers, and edited by Jörn Ditzel, Aalborg, and Konrad Messmer, Heidelberg, for the first 5 years. Since volume 6, K. Messmer, Munich, and Bengt Fagrell, Stockholm, have served as editors-in-chief.

At the end of 1993 the European Society for Microcirculation was fortunate to become the owner of the rights to the journal. As a consequence the journal was turned into the official journal of the society and is now published in a new format by S. Karger AG, Basel, Switzerland, a publishing house with a strong tradition in publishing books and proceedings devoted to microcirculation research. As editors we are grateful for the support received from the executive committee of the society, the sponsors and members of the editorial board. The board was restructured in order to cope in particular with the needs arising from the new fields of vascular biology, including cell and molecular biology.

Since its inception a particular strength of this journal has been the publication of original work in the field of clinical microcirculation research. Clinical microcirculation encompasses the interests of a large part of the membership of the European Society for Microcirculation and allows basic microcirculation research to be viewed from a clinical perspective.

The International Journal of Microcirculation: Clinical and Experimental will publish original papers of scientific excellence on microcirculation research and vascular biology. All manuscripts are reviewed by two referees chosen from the editorial board or from outside depending upon the article topic. The journal provides the opportunity for rapid communications and correspondence and will contain the news of the European Society for Microcirculation. Furthermore the biannual Malpighi Award Lecture will be published as well as invited review articles.

We are encouraging scientists in the field of microcirculation and vascular biology, in particular the members of the European Society, to submit their original data to this journal. The editors and the editorial board are determined to broaden the forum for interdisciplinary work in microcirculation and vascular biology. We all feel that the journal in its new format and with the full support of the society should find wide acceptance in the scientific community of Europe and around the world.

“It has come to the Editors’ notice that a paper published in International Journal of Microcirculation: Clinical and Experimental Vol. 11:167-170 (Jung F, Franke RP, Mrowietz C, Wolf S, Kiesewetter H, Wenzel E) contains in part material which has been submitted after acceptance of the manuscript by International Journal of Microcirculation: Clinical and

Experimental to the Journal of Vascular Research (Jung F, Franke RP, Mrowietz C, Wolf S, Kieseletter H). Neither cross-references nor footnotes are contained in the two articles, and neither of the two editors of the two journals were informed. According to the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (see e.g. Brit Med J 302, 338-341, 1991), apart from cited abstracts, prior or double publication can only be considered in rare and particular circumstances, and only when the editors of both journals allow this to occur, and this is the policy followed by International Journal of Microcirculation: Clinical and Experimental”.