The Bonn Conference

All those who contributed to the preparation of the 1st International Haemophilia Conference in 1980 have one hope in common: to expect a large number of participants from many countries to attend.

President Schnabel hopes this conference will mark a new beginning in the contact between haemophiliacs and their physicians. This is reflected in the contents of the programme which, in addition to a scientific session, includes topics related directly or indirectly to the haemophiliacs. Haemophilia-related topics will be summarized in three main workshops and in their respective poster presentations. In doing so, subjects which are not very familiar to the haemophiliac will be dealt with; for example, the collection of plasma, the production of concentrates and insurance matters. In particular, the structure of medical insurance plans vary widely from country to country. The worldwide review will also reveal the differences in the various methods of treatment, which are usually dependent on the funds a given country has available. As a result of this review, we hope that all participants will have gained something from this valuable experience. This objective must be the concern of everyone. There is no doubt that a lot is expected from this 1st International Haemophilia Conference. We should not allow ourselves to be discouraged either by obvious difficulties or by those problems which at first sight may appear hard to overcome. Nor should we delude ourselves into believing in worldwide improvement in the immediate future. Rather, we should be confident that by working together, patiently and with pre-