

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the ISL, I wish to express my deep gratitude to our new Editors, Drs. Michael Foldi and Charles Witte and our new Executive Editor, Dr. Marlys Witte. Not only is the new production of LYMPHOLOGY as good as before, but the typeface and layout is clearly better. The membership should recognize that much of the actual production as well as editorial work is done "for love". While the changeover temporarily endangered our financial reserves, it is absolutely essential to the ISL and the pursuit of the elusive lymphatic system to keep LYMPHOLOGY going. To operate a journal, however, costs money. Thus, *please pay subscriptions when due, and encourage all interested in the lymphatic system to join the ISL!* Remember, chapter members pay less than full members, and while this arrangement has advantages, I urge you to join and encourage others to become full members of the ISL. Because of bank charges and the relative stability of the US dollar, subscriptions in the United States and adjoining regions are being billed directly from Tucson. Along with the changeover and the appointment of a new treasurer, some subscribers may have been inadvertently billed twice. We appeal to your patience, forgiveness, and understanding.

In this issue is an updated, abridged "Lymphatic Manifesto", authorized at the last Congress meeting in Tel Aviv. While it has been reviewed with the executive committee, I take full responsibility for errors of fact and fancy. A similar document has been mailed to more than 450 journals. (Since I do not have a secretary, this endeavor gives entirely new meaning to

"*suffering for science*"!) Thus far, the acceptance-rate is running at an encouraging 30-40%. Translations into languages other than English are especially welcome. To date, I have concentrated on English-language International and Australian periodicals.

Plans for the Xth Congress in Adelaide are well advanced (see announcement in this issue). After typesetting delays we have distributed a registration booklet to over 1200 potential attendees. If you have not received one, please write (air mail) or telex (UNIVAD AA 89141). Please note the dates: Hamilton Island: 11 to 18 August '85; Adelaide: 25 August to 1 September '85; Ayers Rock: 1-2 September '85.

On a personal note, you will be pleased to learn that the World Health Organization has agreed to fund clinical trials for coumarin in filarial elephantiasis in India and China, where Dr. Jamal and I visited earlier in 1984. Some newer techniques in management of lymphedema that have been developed in these countries will be presented in Adelaide.

Finally, I trust that the holiday season has brought you good cheer and inspired bigger and better lymphologic resolutions for the New Year.

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