

## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

It has been said that good things take time to prepare and so it was with the first Post Graduate Course on Pediatric Perfusion presented on a national basis by AmSECT. A sense of urgency had stimulated the Board to present to the AmSECT membership a quality continuing education program. The articles in this issue originate from portions of this program presented in four cities during a period of nine months. The techniques and results are those of each speaker, for which we are the beneficiary. To Larry Cavannaugh and those who have given so much time and energy to this endeavor—be assured the wait was worthwhile.

Looking out the window of a 727 at 30,000 feet one's perspective acquires a case of acute diplopia. *Optimism*, which comes from the crystal clearness while being above the clouds, and *indifference* which admittedly in this editor's case comes from exhaustion of the never-ending job that must be done. Somewhere one vacillates between the two extremes as thoughts turn toward the annual meeting in Houston, Texas. Optimism is indeed a quality which finds its way into my thinking when seeing the progress made this past year and the excitement of planning new programs to meet membership needs.

Although I do not feel I am the only one suffering from indifference, however transient the case may be, I at least realize the symptoms, whereas many of you regretfully do not. Through the years I have listened attentively to perfusionists from many areas around the country expound on what would improve the quality of this journal, as well as the Society. We have talked at great length and exchanged ideas, yet they go their way never to be heard from again and never to come to fruition. They would appear to be only an apparition. This Volume 11 will be composed of six issues and if you ever desire to improve the quality or become productive, *now* is the time to begin.

The program of our 17th International Conference which opens March 5th 1979 is comprised of twenty-seven speakers. The Continuing Education Day, with its varied topics, will be presented by some of Houston's finest physicians. In her address, President Madeline Massengale will review her year in office, the positive steps taken and the work that has continued with the AMA in writing the Essentials For Cardiovascular Perfusion Training Programs.

If Texans continue in their manner of doing things which is always BIG, it promises to be a meeting of proportional quality. Come, join us in Houston.

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