
From the Editor

Dear Reader and Future Author:

For the *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology*, 1987 has marked several significant functional changes. For our newer readers, the *J. Extra-Corpor. Technol.* Spring issue commemorated AmSECT's 25th Anniversary by reprinting the award-winning manuscripts published since 1974. The *Journal* Committee has incorporated the use of keywords for manuscripts and National Meeting Abstracts and a topic index for 1987 (Winter issue) to aid the reader. You will find a Reader Opinion/Suggestion card for your use to provide feedback to the *Journal* Committee.

John Straker, Manuscript Editor, and Shirley Nuhn, Publication Coordinator, are no longer serving on the *Journal* Committee; however, we want to acknowledge their valuable contributions to the 1987 *Journal*. Thank you, John and Shirley.

1987 has been a banner year for perfusion manuscript publication and submissions. The list of "Manuscripts to Appear in Future Issues" demonstrates the willingness of perfusionists to write and submit their work to peer review. Clearly, the Proceedings abstracts and articles do not go through the formal peer review process that regular *Journal* manuscripts must to be published. The *Journal* Committee and readers are indebted to the authors who have submitted their hard work for consideration for publication this year! There were five manuscripts submitted in October. Thank you.

Peer refereeing is the basis for scientific writing and communication. Peer review validates an author's work, assures journal subscribers of authenticity, establishes priorities, and protects authors against plagiarism. The *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology* is the only perfusion-related journal peer reviewed by a committee of practicing perfusionists. Future authors should present their manuscript to four levels of peer

review; by your own team members, by local peers, by the *Journal's* editors and reviewers, and by elapsed time, hindsight, and the future attempts to reproduce your published work.

1987 marks the loss of Jim Dearing. Jim shaped and refined much of this *Journal's* peer review process and philosophies through his thorough participation on the *Journal* Committee and as the mentor and teacher to two recent *Journal* Editors, Nancy Achorn and me.

The *Journal* Committee and I will continue to build on the scientific perfusion foundation that previous editors Edward C. Berger (1969-1972), Edward Romanowski (1972-1973), Emily Taylor (1974-1976), Mary Hartley (1976-1977), Emily Taylor (1977-1981), Nancy Achorn (1981-1985), and James P. Dearing (1986) have worked so hard to establish with the help of their associate and manuscript editors.

We are all indebted to the current *Journal* Committee (see Editor page) and special project editors, Howard Coston and Bill Pelley, for their talented and dedicated work to make the 1987 *Journal* interesting and a success.

Thank you for your continued interest, support, and subscription to the *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology*.

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Editor
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P.S. To learn more about how the *Journal* review process works, refer to "Getting Published: Perspectives on the *Journal*," *PERFUSION LIFE*, November, 1986, pp. 11-21.