

PREFACE

This issue of the 1988 Proceedings of the American Society of Extra-Corporeal Technology, marks a departure from the last several years. Proceedings were a part of the Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology. One of the difficulties was that the Proceedings did not undergo a full referee process and it was felt by many that it should be a part of the Journal. However a stand-alone issue of the Proceedings is considered valuable and important because of the timely nature of the production process.

The reader will find the reports of the 30 papers presented at the 26th International Conference, held in Anaheim, California. These reports also include any discussion or questions presented by the audience and participants.

The hours of intensive work and deliberation, as well as the research work itself, that has been condensed in this report, will offer guidance to those professionals involved in new efforts in the perfusion field and its related technologies.

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