

PREFACE

To Our Readers:

Once again, The Proceedings of AmSECT's 27th International Meeting contains innovative, interesting manuscripts dedicated to expanding the body of knowledge for Perfusion Technology. These Proceedings contain both the presentations and poster session articles.

The Proceedings have undergone more peer review this year than in any other year in an effort to protect the readers and their patients as well as improve the content quality. Some editorial notes have been added to manuscripts to clarify issues or to alert readers of potential problems.

The majority of manuscripts were submitted on computer magnetic media transferred to The Proceedings format (in the AmSECT National Office) and then published from a desktop unit. We wish to thank Ms. Judy McCulloch for her expertise as Managing Editor to organize and execute the assembly of the Proceedings.

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Finally, and most importantly, we want to thank the authors (new and seasoned) who contributed to the 1989 International Meeting and to the 1989 Proceedings. The content and quality of AmSECT's Proceedings grows annually. These Proceedings should be a source of stimulation to the membership to participate in the 1990 International Meeting and continue the current positive trend!

Respectfully submitted,



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