

From the Editor

Dear Readers:

This issue features the winners of the 1997 Fellowship and Scientific Presentation Awards. Al Stammers was recognized with the Fellowship Award for the best paper presented at the 35th International AmSECT Conference, "The Antiinflammatory Effects of Aprotinin in Patients Undergoing Cardiac Surgery with Cardiopulmonary Bypass." The Scientific Presentation Award went to Donald Wilson for the best paper given by a first time presenter, "Perflubron Emulsion Does Not Cause Neutrophil (PMN) Activation In-Vivo." Both of these papers reflect the high caliber of research being conducted by perfusionists at our academic centers.

AmSECT now offers via its website (<http://www.amsect.org>) an exciting service for members. The AmSTACK Beta Testing Program is an online searchable database for articles appearing in the *Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology*. Articles may be accessed by titles, authors, or keywords. At this time, most issues have been entered into the database. This includes the entire span of the *Journal's* production from 1968 to the present. Many citations include the abstract of the paper. The Publications page, which is also in the Members Only section, presents the full text of *Journal* articles. At this time, papers from more than half of the 29 volumes are accessible. I refer you to an excellent article by our Managing Editor, Tara Hoke, on accessing and using AmSECT's website. The article is aptly titled "Navigating Perfusion Channels" and appears in the August 1997 issue of *AmSECT Today*.

Sincerely,

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