

From the Editor

Dear Readers:

AmSECT's 37th International Conference was held in New Orleans, April 8-11. Although the weather was sunny and warm and the French Quarter a short walk away, all the sessions were well attended. More than 25 scientific papers were presented, and it will be the Editorial Board's and my pleasure to review and publish them this coming year. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the authors for their research efforts and time spent to prepare and present their work.

Once again, we were delighted to honor authors for their contributions to the Journal of Extra-Corporeal Technology and the science of perfusion in 1998.

Research Award:	Michelle L. Pierce for "Does Hyperfibrinolytic Activity Occur During Cardiopulmonary Bypass from Blood Exposed to Pleural Surfaces?" Vol. 30, No. 3
Review Article Award:	Jennifer Schaadt for "Fiber Manufacturing, Membrane Classification, and Winding Technologies Associated with Membrane Oxygenators," Vol. 30, No. 1
Case Report Award:	A. Philipp for "Pumpless Extracorporeal Lung Assist," Vol. 30, No. 1

The techniques being introduced now present both a challenge and an opportunity to the clinical perfusionist. They force us to rethink everything we are doing to ensure the safe conduct of cardiopulmonary bypass. There will be several papers exploring the ramifications of these new modalities in this volume of the *Journal*. These papers, I hope, will be just the beginning of the exploration and validation of these techniques.

Sincerely,

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