

From the Editor and Publisher

As predicted in our July comments, the Second World Congress was a huge success, and was attended by even more delegates and exhibitors than had been anticipated by the organizers. Despite this, the meeting ran exceptionally smoothly, and almost all of the comments we heard were highly complimentary. Professor Imai and his colleagues are to be warmly congratulated. As was stated at the closing banquet, they have set an enviably high standard for emulation in the next Congress. For any who are still unaware, this will be held in Toronto in 2001, and the organization is in the capable hands of Bob Freedom and Bill Williams. The presidents of the meeting will be Jane Somerville and George Trusler - ideal choices for a very important gathering.

Cardiology in the Young was well represented in Hawaii. Our stand proved very popular, and we had the opportunity to meet with many of our readers. Again, at least as revealed to us, feed-back was very positive. We were particularly pleased to award the "Young Investigator's Prize", sponsored by the Journal, to Dr Kei-ichiro Uese of Toyama University, Japan. We are also delighted to publish his winning manuscript in this issue, along with the work of Dr Blair Marshall of Boston Children's Hospital, who won the comparable prize awarded by the organizers of the Congress. We understand

that, on returning to Japan, Dr Uese also sealed the matrimonial knot, so we offer him our additional congratulations on this milestone.

The opportunity was taken while in Hawaii to hold a meeting of the Editorial Board, attended by twenty-five members in addition to the Editor-in-Chief and the publishers. Discussions were fruitful and wide-ranging. We received many constructive suggestions on how to improve our circulation, and to attract advertising revenues. Already some of these proposals have been implemented and are bearing fruit. The importance of abstracting and indexing was also stressed. Action has again been taken on this front, and we will be making a submission to Index Medicus at the end of October. In this respect, those submitting manuscripts should note that, once accepted, citation is retrospective. All articles published in the Journal prior to acceptance will be included in the Index if we are successful in our bid. This is our number one priority, closely followed by our aim to increase the number of pages available for each issue, or to increase the number of issues each year, so as rapidly to reduce the delay presently existing between acceptance and publication of manuscripts.

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