

Abstracts of the Fifth International Conference on Computerized and Quantitative EMG

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The Conference was held in Hamilton, Ontario, on May 18-21 1993, and was the successor to the meetings in New York, Monaco, Cyprus and Mainz. Normally the conferences are held every two years but in this instance the event had been deferred to as not to clash with the 1992 International Congress of EMG and Clinical Neurophysiology in Jerusalem. The Hamilton meeting had been immediately preceded by the International Course on Single Fiber EMG and Other Special Techniques and over 150 registrants and faculty attended the two events. A noted absentee was Dr. Erik Stålberg (Uppsala), the pioneer of single fiber EMG, who was unexpectedly taken ill shortly before the meetings began; by the unanimous decision of the participants, both the International Course and the International Conference were dedicated to Dr. Stålberg.

The Conference itself consisted of six symposia and five "talking" poster sessions. The topics covered sequentially in the symposia were expert systems; motor unit estimation; single fiber and macro EMG; force and fatigue; firing pattern, recruitment and interference analysis; nerve conduction studies. In addition to a display of EMG manufacturers' equipment, a feature of the Conference were the daily "user" sessions, during which the faculty demonstrated novel EMG techniques during the lunch breaks.

At the business meeting, considerable thought and discussion were given to possible sites for the next international conference; in the end it was decided that the venue for 1996 would be Israel and that Dr. Arieh Gilai would be the organizer and president.

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