

I would like to thank Dr. Bickley and Lorrie Smith for answering so many questions regarding preparation of this issue for press. There are so many little items which need taken care of, from style to selecting a publisher. Thanks again for all the letters and phone calls. We intend to continue operating the journal in a manner similar to the established pattern. We will publish when we have sufficient content. That means the periodicity is up to all of us. When you have an article, please write it and send it to us. If you participate in a plastination meeting, please prepare an abstract of your presentation and we will try to include it in our Journal. I would like to encourage all participants in the 5th International Meeting in Heidelberg, to bring an abstract of your presentation along with you to Heidelberg and personally hand it to me. To save correspondence via the mail system, we will read it at that time. Also, it would be helpful for you to bring any potential articles for the Journal with you and we will read them at that time. However, please do not wait until June 1990 to prepare articles. We need articles now. I would like to have another issue ready for the Heidelberg Meeting. If cost is not prohibitive, we have determined to include a minimal number of color photos. We will ask the authors to help defray the cost of color printing.

1989 Interim Meeting of the International Society for Plastination was held in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA on November 3 and 4. The Autumn leaves had nearly all fallen and the weather was brisk; but reports of warm, *Southern Hospitality* have been

echoed. Participants came from Mexico, Canada, and the USA. Harmon Bickley discussed "The art and science of plastination". Wolfgang Weber discussed and demonstrated "Sheet plastination". Alex Lane presented "Teaching cross-sectional anatomy, using plastinated specimens". Bob Henry discussed "Equipping a plastination laboratory, Safety, and Plastination and E20 injection of the heart". Jessie Butler and Bob presented a wet laboratory on "Dilation, E20 injection, and fixation of hearts for plastination". Abstracts and papers from this meeting will appear in the Summer 1990 issue. We regret the delayed notice announcing the meeting. To avoid late notification of the next interim meeting, please be thinking of a date and place for the 1991 Interim Meeting and bring or send those suggestions to: the 5th International Meeting of the Society which will be held in Heidelberg, July 22 - 27, 1990.

July 22 - 27, 1990, The 5th biennial **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on PLASTINATION** will be held at the "birth place" of Plastination, The Universität of Heidelberg. Dr. Andrea Whalley is the conference organizer. For information please contact: Dr. Whalley, Pathologisches Institut, Universität Heidelberg, Im Neuenheimer Feld 220, 6900 Heidelberg, WEST GERMANY. The meeting promises to be the best yet. All phases of basic plastination will be covered the first two days of the conference, as well as, setting up your plastination laboratory. Later in the week, many special techniques and advances in plastination will be covered, along with, results of current research. Applications of plastination in

research and education will be addressed. Many displays will be available for viewing. A practical, two week workshop, on both basic and advanced techniques, will be given after the conference. Post conference tours to various plastination laboratories throughout Europe (Munich and Vienna) are being planned. If your laboratory would like to host such a tour, please contact Dr. Whalley. More information will be coming soon. See you in Heidelberg!

**PLASTINATION CHAMBERS:** If you have an extra chamber which you no longer use, consider loaning or selling it to some one just starting to plastinate. If you have such a unit, please let us know and we will add it to a list in the next journal.

I would like to paraphrase Dr. Bickley from our first issue, January, 1987. He summed up our needs as follows: 1. More members. Dues almost cover the publication costs of the journal. 2. More manuscripts. We encourage you to submit full length articles or short informative tips. 3. Advertisements or sponsorships. If you know someone who may be able to help with this, please let us know. 4. Suggestions - enhance our potential to improve. 5. Active participation of members.

Finally, I want to thank The University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine for office space and support and my secretary, Wanda Aycock, for her expertise in formatting and typing this issue. Without her, this issue would not have been ready for the Heidelberg Meeting. Thank you, Wanda.

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