

What a GREAT place and meeting, HEIDELBERG. The 5th Conference for Plastination was truly a success in every way. Plans are in process to make the 6th International Conference even better. Approval has been granted by Queen's University in beautiful **Kingston, Ontario, CANADA** for the Conference to convene at the University. The date is set for **July 26 - 31, 1992**. Please place these dates on your calendar and begin preparation to participate. For a keep in touch and update sessions, the **2nd Annual Interim Meeting of the International Society for Plastination** will be held in **Southern California at Chaffey College**. The dates will be **August 7 - 9, 1991**, Wednesday through Friday. This promises to be another great event. We are starting a question/answer column and a column for tips. If you have a question which you can not get an answer to or if you have questions recently answered that you think is beneficial to others please send it to the Journal. Any time savers or tips would be welcome. We hope this will be a mechanism to distribute small items of interest. We appreciate those of you who were able to send your manuscripts on disc. It has saved considerable hours of typing and retyping. I would like to encourage you to continue this form of submission on disc. Please let us know how the Journal can better serve you. To try and serve you better, it was proposed and passed at the 5th International Meeting to establish an editorial board. The appointments to the board are nearing completion. A partial listing of appointees appears in the preliminary pages of this issue. We encourage you to consider color figures for your manuscripts. We do ask you to help with publication costs. The approximate fees are listed in the "Instructions to Author" section. Help your association: encourage your library to subscribe to the Journal.

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2ND INTERIM PLASTINATION MEETING

The International Society for Plastination announces plans for the 2nd Interim Plastination Meeting. Scheduled for **August 7, 8, 9, 1991**, the meeting will take place at **Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, California**. A series of lectures and hands-on lab demonstrations will be featured. The basic S/10 technique as well as advanced techniques will be presented. The meeting will benefit both novice and expert alike. Chaffey College is located about 40 miles east of Los Angeles and about 60 miles from Palm Springs. The College is ten miles from Ontario International Airport and is convenient to hotels, restaurants and shopping. Special room rates will be available for meeting guests. A shuttle will be provided to and from hotels for attendees. Continued on page 32!

THE 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PLASTINATION

Heidelberg, Germany, July 22-27, 1990

It hardly seems possible! - - After all that planning and anticipation, the Heidelberg conference is history. But most would agree that it's the kind of history that will be remembered for a long time.

Attendance was outstanding. Slightly over 200 attendants from 42 countries were officially registered. It had the feeling of a large meeting with the personal warmth of a smaller gathering of friends. And the program was equally impressive with 40 speakers, 20 demonstrations and an extensive, post-conference tour that included Munich, Vienna and Rome. We are all indebted to Andrea Whalley, Gunther von Hagens and their hard-working staff for a job well-done. Thanks also to the tour hosts, Alfred Riepertinger, Martin Lischka and Maurizio Ripani.

The Pathologisches Institut of the University of Heidelberg proved to be an ideal meeting site. The auditorium was exactly the right size, comfortable and well-equipped. Spacious, sunlit corridors provided a generous amount of room for displays and casual conversation. And, equally important, it was accessible, from almost anywhere in Heidelberg by public transportation. Our thanks to the administration of the Pathologisches Institut for the opportunity to use this wonderful facility.

And who can forget the Riverboat Party? Plastinators seem to have a better-than-average ability to generate merriment. There was dining, dancing and plenty of conversation among people who might never have met one another were it not for a mutual interest in plastination. To crown an evening of gaiety, suitable awards were presented to the "Funniest Plastinators in the World."

Highlights of the Conference were too numerous to describe in detail, but mention must be made of the dramatic unveiling of the plastinated man -- a whole body done in silicone. That's going to be a "hard act to follow" but we all have two years to prepare.

The next (**6th International**) conference is planned for **Kingston, Ontario, Canada**, which sounds like another winner. The exact dates (**between the 20th and the end of July of 1992**) will be announced in the near future. Mark your calendars now so you can't possibly forget.

Write if you are interested in joining the International Society for Plastination. If I don't hear from you before, I'll see you at the 6th International Conference.

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