

From the executive editor

News and comment

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THE DOMINANT EVENT SINCE THE APPEARANCE OF our first issue has been the *First World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery*. Many of our readers will have been present at this excellent and well-attended symposium, and will know that the last issue appeared concomitant with the meeting. They will also have noted that the abstracts for the meeting were published as our first supplement. From the feed-back received at our popular exhibit, we get the feeling that the layout, format and content of both our last issue and the abstract book were well appreciated (with special thanks to Hilda Oprandi, Sheri Carroll, Felicity Gil, Christine Anderson, José Ferreiro, Giancarlo Crupi and Bill Henry). From the number of subscriptions received at our booth, the evidence points to movement in the right direction. Our number of subscriptions is certainly rising in gratifying fashion, as is the number of articles we are receiving for publication. If we are to maintain our policy of rapid and timely publication, then very soon we will need to expand to six issues per year. To do this, we need still more subscriptions to fund our pages—a typical Catch-22. So, if you are reading this editorial and you are not a subscriber, but you like what you are reading, then please subscribe—we need your support.

The *First World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery* was unequivocally a superb success. Jean Kachaner and his team deserve everyone's congratulations for the virtually flawless organization. The scientific content was also first class—particularly for the poster presentations. The abstracts selected for consideration for the *World Forum Prize* were all of the highest quality, and were presented uniformly with skill and style. The jury had a difficult task in selecting one as the winner, but it was a unanimous decision to award the prize to Dr. Vera Aiello, a young pathologist from São Paulo, Brazil. The manuscript of Dr. Aiello, together with those submitted by four of the other five finalists, will be published as the lead articles in our next issue. For us, the *World Forum Prize* and the success of

our exhibit showcasing *Cardiology in the Young*, were the highspots of the meeting. These events were closely matched, and probably surpassed for most, by the magnificence of the concluding banquet at Versailles. The immensity of the Orangery was breathtaking, and one can only marvel at the vision of the Sun King and his architects, whilst being unsurprised at the final collapse of the monarchy. Yaz Imai and his team are now preparing to match, if not exceed, the excellence of Paris when the *Second World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery* is held at Kobe, Japan in 1997. Everyone, therefore, should be clearing their diaries for 1997, as well as saving money to match the ever-rising Yen. *Cardiology in the Young* has already entered negotiations to produce the abstract book, and we hope to be able to keep you in touch with dates and activities during the build-up to this next meeting.

We are also pleased to announce that the *World Forum* will continue its support of the London meetings in 1994 and will help co-sponsor meetings in Tokyo, Manila and Porto Alegre in 1995 (organized by Hiromi Kurosawa, Edgardo Ortiz and Fernando Lucchese, respectively). We will keep you abreast of these meetings as more information becomes available.

Finally, we are pleased to publish in this issue, as well as several regular items, the concluding part of our symposium concerned with cardiopulmonary bypass. The first part of this important supplement, coordinated by Giancarlo Crupi and edited by Ross Ungerleider, Bill Greeley and Richard Jonas, was published in our last issue coincident with the *World Congress*. This issue contains the remaining eight articles. Taken together, the symposium provides our readers with the facts they need to know on the options presently available and the scientific basis for cardiopulmonary bypass and cerebral protection.

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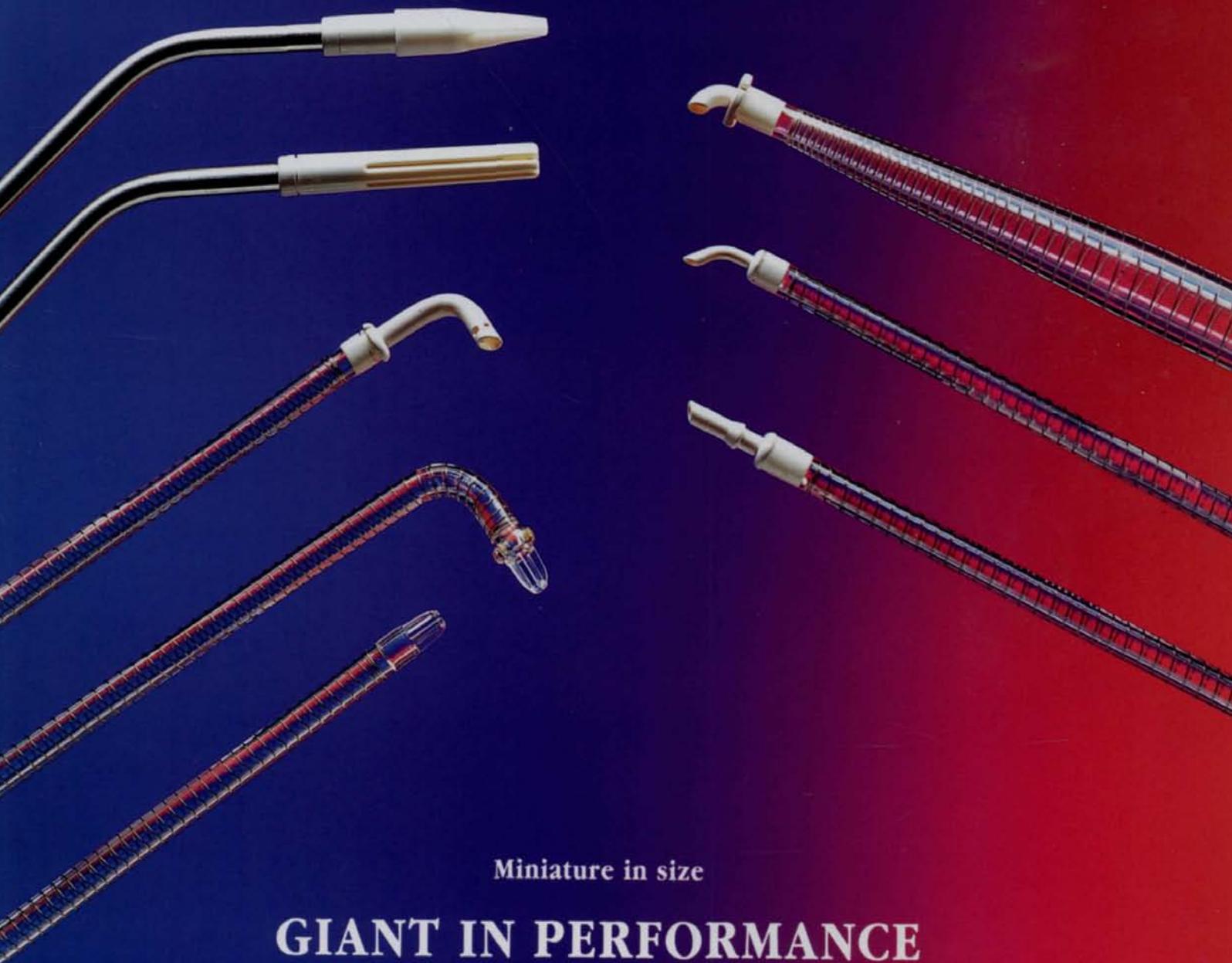


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