This issue of Hypertension contains selected manuscripts based on presentations made at the 52nd Annual Fall Conference and Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association, Council for High Blood Pressure Research. The meeting was held at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa, September 15–18, 1998. The conference was preceded by the Workshop on Mechanisms of Target Organ Injury in Hypertension, which was organized by Drs John E. Hall, Russell L. Prewitt, and Ernesto L. Schiffrin. The program for the conference included 74 oral presentations and 179 posters, which were selected from the 480 submitted abstracts. These presentations, which were judged the best hypertension research, covered a variety of topics, from genetics, molecular biology, receptors, vascular biology, and signal transduction to clinical hypertension and obesity. All presenters were encouraged to submit a manuscript for consideration for publication in this proceedings issue of Hypertension. There were 123 manuscripts submitted, and 72 were accepted for publication. Manuscripts were reviewed by 2 referees and a Section Editor. Only the manuscripts that required minor or no revisions were accepted for publication in this issue. Section Editors were members of the Publications Committee of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research, and included Kenneth M. Baker, George L. Bakris, Donald J. DiPette, Anna Dominiczak, Gary H. Gibbons, Joey P. Granger, David R. Harder, Joseph R. Haywood, Joseph L. Izzo, Margot LaPointe, Thomas E. Lohmeier, and Leopoldo Raij.

I am grateful to these committee members for the time and diligent efforts that they devoted to the evaluation of the submitted manuscripts. I am also grateful to all who served as referees for the manuscripts. The timely review of the manuscripts has allowed publication of the proceedings within 4 months of the meeting. This rapid publication would not have been possible without the experience, hard work, and encouragement of Dr Edward D. Frohlich, Editor-in-Chief of Hypertension. This also required the dedicated support of the editorial staff of Hypertension: Annie L. Rivera, Debby K. Smith, Irene S. Hebert, and Virginia L. Helton. They provided organization, hard work, advice, and diligence, and their efforts are greatly appreciated by the Publications Committee and the authors.

The Council meetings are also the occasion of several invited lectureships and awards. In 1998, Dr Suzanne Oparil presented the annual Arthur C. Corcoran Memorial Lecture; Dr David H.P. Streeten received the Council for High Blood Pressure Research Lifetime Achievement Award; Dr Martin Matsumura received the 14th Annual Hoechst Marion Roussel Hypertension Research Clinical Fellowship Program Award; Dr Edward W. Inscho received the Harry Goldblatt Award; and Dr Masashi Yanigisawa received the 1998 Novartis Award for Hypertension Research.

We will continue to strive to make this supplemental issue to Hypertension a valuable and comprehensive forum that showcases the latest developments and advances in the field of hypertension research. To this end, we will continue to feature full-length, peer-reviewed research articles that are published in a timely manner.

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