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## NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your Board feel it is time that you are brought up to date with the general affairs of your Society.

On 21st May 1976, 20 individuals from 9 countries of Europe met in Brussels and established the European Society of Biomechanics.

The aims of the Society are to encourage progress, foster, promote and develop research, and disseminate information concerning all biomechanical problems. Although various societies, both national and international, are concerned with many aspects of bioengineering, biomaterials and biomechanics, it was considered that there was a special need for a European society which would, from time to time, bring together those who are particularly interested in the study of forces acting on and generated within the body and the effects of these forces on the tissues or materials implanted within the body. Biomechanics is a truly interdisciplinary field. It is of particular concern to the clinicians and biologists who deal with the locomotor system in health and disease, and those in engineering and material science who work towards a better understanding of human movement, and generation of forces, and the performance of materials used in a hostile environment for the repair or replacement of tissues.

The participants at the meeting in May 1976, were considered founder members. These members of the Society constituted the Council and elected 7 members to form an organising Board to establish the Society and prepare for the first General Assembly meeting, at which the Statutes would be discussed and ratified.

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From the Editorial Board

An 'acting' Editorial Board of our Society was formed in January 1978. It was given the mission to provide for a publishing agreement with a professional journal for articles written by our members. Rather than erecting a new journal, we considered it better to link up with an already existing journal of high standards.

Although other possibilities were considered and investigated, we have chosen for the Journal of Biomechanics, which, no doubt, every member is familiar with.

I am happy to be able to inform you, that my negotiations with the editors and the publisher of the J.Biomechanics came to positive conclusions. In general terms it was agreed that:

- Our society will become a sponsoring organization for the J.Biomechanics (In the meantime also the American Soc. of Biomechanics became a sponsoring organization).
- From the ranks of our society new members for the responsible Editorial Boards of the J.Biomechanics will be nominated. They will, together with those European referees already in the Boards, review the European articles and upon acceptance process them directly to the publisher.
- Articles will be in English; the publisher will appoint a sub-copy-editor, who will be responsible for ensuring spelling and good quality English.
- The members of our society will receive their individual subscription at a reduced price\*:
  - + Appr. \$ 20/year if the subscriptions are collective and included in the membership fee (which will then become appr. \$ 35/year, J. Biomechanics included).
  - + Appr. \$ 25/year if the subscriptions are individual and payed directly to the publisher.

Both the publisher and we favor the collective arrangement; however, we think that the members should have the opportunity to express their opinions on this. I therefor ask you kindly but urgently to fill in the tear sheet below and return it to me as soon as possible. If no sheet is send in, we assume that you also favor the collective arrangement. Hoping to see you all in Strasbourg, September next, and best wishes for 1979.

Rik Huiskes  
Chairman of the Editorial Board

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Address where the J.Biomechanics will have to be sent:

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Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

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