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EDITORIAL

A SPECIAL ISSUE ON BONE BIOMECHANICS, DEDICATED TO F. GAYNOR EVANS, EDITOR EMERITUS

On 7 December, in the publication month of this issue, Volume 20, Number 11/12, F. Gaynor Evans, Editor Emeritus of the *Journal of Biomechanics*, celebrates his 80th Birthday. Following a suggestion from Andrus Viidik, we join in the celebration with this Special Issue, dedicated to him.

F. Gaynor Evans became Co-Editor-in-Chief when the Journal was founded in 1967, and he held that position from Volume 1, in 1968, to Volume 12, Number 8, in August 1979. For almost 12 years he was responsible, together with Verne L. Roberts, for its tremendous success.

Of course, the subject of this issue is Bone Biomechanics. Evans' contributions to this field, in a lifetime of dedicated research, are known to virtually anybody even slightly interested in this subject. His books have become classics, and his articles are widely read throughout the world. You will find evidence of that in this issue.

With the assistance of our Guest Editors for this special occasion, John D. Currey, Dennis R. Carter, and Andrus Viidik, we attracted a number of authors specialized in Bone Biomechanics to submit a manuscript and work with us through the review procedure in a tight schedule. Their commission was to compose either a personalized review, or a research paper, based on original data, blended with personal philosophies about future research directions. The result is not a complete overview of present-day research in Bone Biomechanics, but a kaleidoscope, a collection of differently flavored contributions from several sub-

areas, together giving a tasty and thought-provocative impression of the state-of-the-art.

This issue is special in more than one sense. It closes the 20th Volume, which can be considered another Anniversary. Primarily responsible for its editorial management during those 20 years, was our Founding Editor, Verne L. Roberts. With regret I must announce that he will retire from his position as Co-Editor-in-Chief by the end of this year. Hence, this is the last issue under his responsibility. This will be a great loss for the Journal, but after 20 years of active and successful service, we can only respect his decision. He will be succeeded by Richard A. Brand, from Iowa City, U.S.A., who is known to many of our readers through his research and his previous position as Book Review Editor. In the next issue, Volume 21, Number 1, we will come back to this 'changing of the guards'. We have new plans, for the contents of the Journal and for its editorial organization, but you must wait another month to be fully informed.

Finally, returning to the dedication of the present issue, dear Gaynor, on behalf of the Journal of Biomechanics, I wish you a Happy Birthday. We are glad to hear that you are well and enjoying your life's winter season as intensely as you have enjoyed your research work. Reading through this issue, it is quite obvious that you are the father of modern Bone Biomechanics, and we are your offspring. I trust you are proud of us.

RIK HUISKES
Co-Editor-in-Chief