PREFACE

The most obvious circumstance of concern among the ISSCT members between the XXI and XXII ISSCT Congresses was an unprecedented delay of the publication of the XXI ISSCT Proceedings. The editor would humbly receive all the blame and consider the event quite unexcusable. Soon after the XXI ISSCT Congress the editor was appointed vice president for research at Kasetsart University and thus depriving him of full time effort to go through editorial process to finish the Proceedings by the end of 1992 as originally anticipated. Most of 1993 was spent with retyping of all manuscripts many of which were no better than the very first draft having no acceptable form and style. Some of the manuscripts were with missing tables and figures and prone of mistakes. The main task for the editor was to collate, salvage and assemble such manuscripts into an acceptable and presentable form. The process was carried out with enormous difficulties not worth mentioning. The interplay went on through the late 1993 when one editorial staff, Ms Patcharin Mapaisarnsin, lost her precious life in a car accident. The year 1994 was no better when the managing editor, Ms Pornpit Wisarath, was confined in an ICU of Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok for over six months from June 1994 with broken ribs and pelvic bone, erupted liver, two broken legs and cracked forehead caused by another road accident. This is Murphy’s Law at work as far as the XXI ISSCT Proceedings is concerned.

Nevertheless, the XXI ISSCT Proceedings has been published. The editor finds it difficult not to acknowledge the assistance and services provided by these two dedicated people whose task and devotion would find no better suitable place to appear in this Proceedings.

Another major concern was the technical quality of the Proceedings. There is an obvious need to establish an “ISSCT Manual of Style” to be followed by respective commissioners and contributors. The editorial processes did vary from one commission to another lacking consistency. This is to be greatly improved by all concerned from reviewing the submitted manuscript, corrections, accepting the papers, and submission to the Technical Committee.

The editor also admits that hundreds of mistakes could be found in this Proceedings and if any of them could lead to any dissatisfaction by any author, please accept his regrets and apology.

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