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Editorial

The Association has successfully passed another milestone with the completion of the XVI Congress. A general report is published on page 231 for which we are indebted to Mr. W. H. (Bill) Naish. Although we were unable to be present we understand the Congress was the equal of any, particularly in hospitality, kindness and the quality of the scientific papers. Our thanks to the Brazilian Branch are expressed in the election of their President Mr. L. von Schmidt, to the presidency of the Association. We wish the other new office bearers success, and the loyalty given to their predecessors.

We must pay homage to the excellent achievements of our past president Dr. A. W. (Bill) Jasper, no one travelled more extensively since Jules Verne! Dr. Coles' outstanding service was recognised by the award of the MacDougall Medal and a fitting tribute to him appears on page 196. Dr. Coles and Prof. Jaap will continue in office until the end of 1978 and the new secretary and treasurer will take up their posts in the New Year.

Finally, will contributors PLEASE SEND 3 ABSTRACTS of their papers—otherwise they will not be translated.

Papers presented at Congress are published by the host country, but if any by mischance are missed they can be presented to this Journal. We apologize for delay in publication—this is due to reduction in Journal size for economic reasons.

As we are nearing the festive season, we send our greetings to members and best wishes for 1979.

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