COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

danger if we had to wait to send the blood overseas, have
the service investigate the blood, and then see about
finding a compatible donor.

There must be many centers all over the world who
have benefited by SCARF; and for places like our own,
where we are not close to a large reference laboratory, it
has allowed us to work so much more efficiently. John
Moulds and his coworkers in SCARF deserve the con-
gratulations of each and every one of us, wherever we
are in the world, who are still recipients of SCARF.

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Letters From the Editors

Dedication of the September 1999 Issue of
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Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics is a leading worldwide
manufacturer and distributor of reagents for the blood
bank laboratory. This leadership is demonstrated
through the development and distribution of a full line
of blood bank products, infectious disease screening
tests, Rh\(_{o}\)-GAM™, Ultra-Filtered Rh\(_{o}\)(D) Immune
Globulin, and educational training and support.

What Happens to Abstracts?

As editors of ImmunoHematology, we spend many
hours reading abstracts published for blood bank state
meetings, for meetings in Canada and the United
Kingdom, and for the American Association of Blood
Banks and the International Society of Blood Transfusion
meetings. Many of the abstracts present data that appear
suitable for publication in ImmunoHematology and
other comparable journals.

We select some 100 abstracts every year and write to
each author asking that he or she submit a manuscript
based on the abstract for consideration for publication.
A few of the abstracts end up as manuscripts published
in this journal. Some are published in other journals, but
literally hundreds are never published. This results in
much worthwhile data carried in the literature only in
abstract form. Information is then lost or incomplete,
and thus of little value to the blood banking community.

I hope that those of you who have had abstracts pub-
lished will put pen to paper, not only for your own ben-
efit as professionals, but also for the benefit of the jour-
nals that would publish them.

Delores Mallory
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Managing Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Symposium. The National Institutes of Health,
Department of Transfusion Medicine, is sponsoring the
18th annual symposium: Immunohematology and Blood
Transfusion. The symposium, which will be held on
September 23, 1999 at the National Institutes of Health,
will be cosponsored by the American Red Cross and
Nexell. The symposium is free of charge but registration
is required. Contact: Karen M. Cipolone, NIH/CC/DTM,
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Masters (MSc) in Transfusion and Transplantation
Sciences. Applications are invited from medical or science
graduates for the master of science (MSc) degree in
transfusion and transplantation sciences at the
University of Bristol, England. The course starts in
October 1999 and will last 1 year. A part-time option last-
ing 3 years is also available. Candidates can apply now
for October 1999 or October 2000. There also may be
opportunities for PhD or MD studies. The syllabus is
organized jointly by the Bristol Institute for Transfusion
Sciences and the University of Bristol Division of
Transplantation Sciences. It includes:

• Scientific principles underlying transfusion and
  transplantation