

Preface



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This special issue of *Orthopedic Clinics of North America* represents selected articles from the Fourteenth International Symposium on Bone Circulation. This was a biennial meeting of the Association Research Circulation Osseous (ARCO) that met in Baltimore, Maryland, from September 14–16, 2007.

The goals of the ARCO organization are to update the knowledge base concerning bone circulation and angiogenesis as relevant to clinical practice. The ARCO group meets every other year and conducts a two-and-a-half-day symposium on bone circulation. The program chair and meeting organizer was Lynne C. Jones, PhD. A fine selection of free papers (abstracts of which are to be published in *JBJS-Br Orthopaedic Proceedings*) was presented by authors from a wide range of countries (including Japan, South Korea, Austria, Egypt, China, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany). Various eminent guest speakers contributed further to the success of the symposium and have manuscripts in this issue. On the third day, Professor David S. Hungerford led a current concepts discussion concerning diagnoses and treatment of osteonecrosis of the hip and future collaborative goals and opportunities.

This issue encompasses a compilation of 13 manuscripts selected from over 40 review lectures and presentations at the Baltimore meeting. The material ranges across many different disciplines dealing with bone circulation and osteonecrosis. This multidisciplinary approach is reflected in articles ranging from basic science to clinical outcomes. We believe that this represents a nice summary of many of the latest principles and the

state of the art concerning bone circulation and osteonecrosis.

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