

**PROLOGUE TO
CAPILLARY PERMEABILITY AND MECHANISM OF TRANSPORT**

A SALUTE TO PROFESSOR HYMAN S. MAYERSON

The idea for a symposium on "capillary permeability and mechanisms of transport" germinated while waiting in a hotel bar for the airport limousine after the Fall St. Louis meetings. Drs. Taylor, Diana and I were swapping Gulf water fish stories when quite naturally the theme reeled to restaurants in New Orleans, the site of the '79 gathering. A serious note diverted our questitory fantasies: and appropriate topic for the stellar slots on the program, the symposia. Traditionally, local expertises are featured be it workshop, symposium or tutorial lecture. My two permeant colleagues quickly filtered down to their vested interest in transcapillary exchange. In the midst of their fluid repartee, I dragged in the thought that a program in New Orleans covering concepts of "stretch pore" "bulk flow" and the like should salute Hy Mayerson. Hy, a past-president of the society was chairman of physiology at Tulane, the host institution, when over a quarter of a centruy ago, APS last met in the Crescent City. Since his retirement Hy has remained active, serving as correspondent for the Senior Physiologist.

As a former student in Mayerson's department, I was pleased when the Program Committee bought the package; a full day symposium, a tribute to Professor Mayerson and chaired by two of the area's good-old boys. The morning session not only gives tribute to Professor Mayerson but also gives an update on a number of concepts he, at an earlier date, had introduced into the literature. The afternoon program continues with an expose of current thoughts at the forefront of the field. Although Hy himself could not attend because of a momentary setback in health, his paper reminiscing on people, places and contemplations was read. He missed very much not being able to attend. However, Hy regretted equally if not more, having to cancel the Senior Physiologist Luncheon, scheduled for Antoine's.

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