

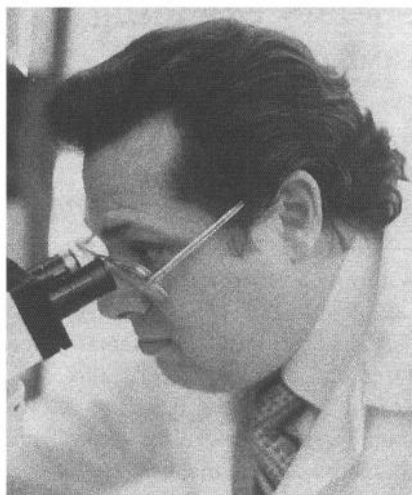
Publications

Introducing . . .

Harris J. Granger

Harris J. Granger, Professor and Head of the Department of Medical Physiology and Director of the Microcirculation Research Institute at the College of Medicine, Texas A & M University, became editor of the *American Journal of Physiology: Heart and Circulatory Physiology* on January 1, 1993. Granger was born in Abbeville, Louisiana, and received his BS degree in Microbiology from the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1966. He received his PhD degree in 1970 from the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. After serving on the faculty of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Granger moved to the Department of Medical Physiology at Texas A & M in 1976. He became Director of the Microcirculation Research Institute in 1981 and Head of the Department of Medical Physiology in 1982.

Granger's unique ability to combine sophisticated experimental approaches with theoretical analysis of physiological problems and his keen insight into important scientific questions has enabled him to make numerous contributions to the understanding of the function of the peripheral circulation, fluid exchange in the microcirculation, metabolic and myogenic autoregulation of blood flow, the function of the lymphatic vessels, and the function of microvascular endothelial cells.



In addition to his research accomplishments, Granger is highly respected as an educator, as evidenced by his receipt of the Best Lecturer Award from the Freshman Medical Class at Texas A & M and by the exceptional list of predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees emerging from his laboratory. He is also a tireless contributor to his profession, as evidenced by his service on numerous editorial boards and study sections.

Granger has been continuously funded since 1970 and is the recipient of a MERIT award from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. He has received numerous other awards, including the Eugene M. Landis Award, which is the highest award of the Microcirculatory Society.

Granger outlined his plans for the journal in an editorial that appeared in

the July issue of the *American Journal of Physiology: Heart and Circulatory Physiology*. With his new team of Associate Editors (Kathleen H. Berecek, William M. Chilian, James E. Faber, Joseph R. Hume, Gerald A. Meininger, Geert W. Schmid-Schonbein, Michael Schneider, R. John Solaro, and Michael S. Wolin), he intends to develop the journal into the premiere international forum for basic cardiovascular biology. In evaluating submitted manuscripts, reviewers will give prime consideration to the originality of the proposed hypothesis with respect to the field of cardiovascular physiology and to the strength of the experimentation used to test the hypothesis.

Another major objective is to expand the number of reviewers by asking readers to submit the names of young investigators at the assistant professor (or equivalent) level who could act as reviewers, including young investigators from foreign countries. Beginning in July the table of contents of the journal is being divided into three sections: cardiac physiology, vascular physiology, and integrative cardiovascular physiology. Within each section papers are arranged from simple to intermediate and complex levels of functional organization. Granger hopes that this revamping of the table of contents will allow readers to easily locate papers relevant to their own interests, attract the attention of scientists in the broader biomedical community, and provide a public accounting of how well the journal is meeting its objective of providing broad coverage of the cardiovascular field. ☛