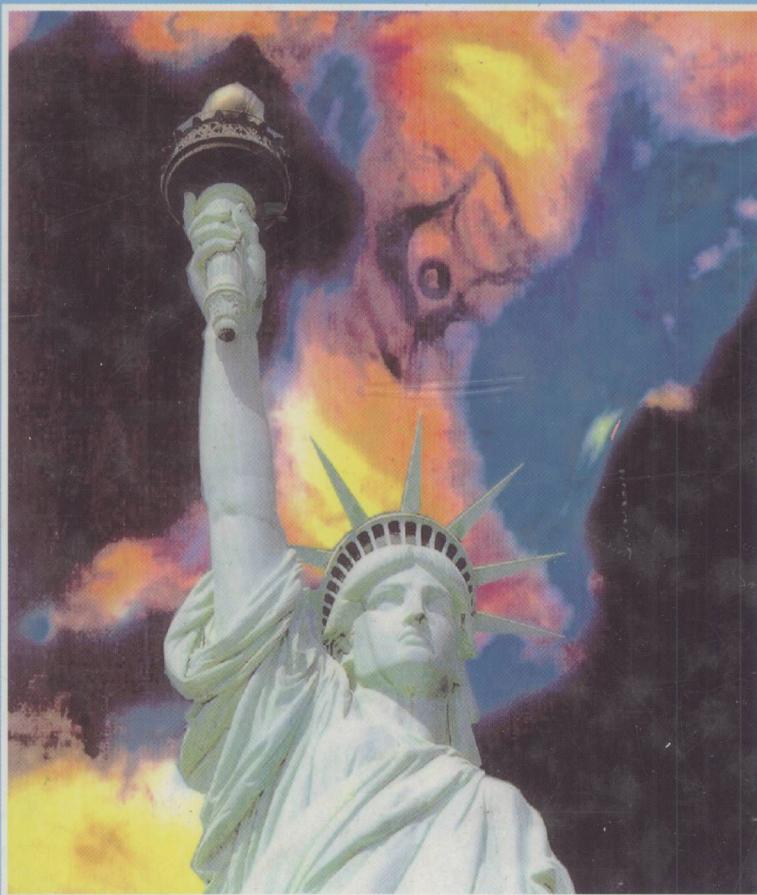


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1997	Paris, France
1998	New York, NY, USA

Preface

Bioceramics 11 held at New York University College of Dentistry in November 1998, continued the tradition of the preceding ten International Symposia on Ceramics in Medicine for serving as the forum for the sharing of research findings among scientists and clinicians coming from many disciplines and from academia and industry. The growing global nature of this series of symposia is reflected by participation from 25 countries compared to 9 countries in Bioceramics 1.

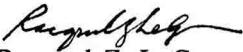
This book is a collection of papers presented at the Bioceramics 11 symposium reflecting research on the cutting edge of developments for bioceramics and their medical and dental applications. The evolution of ceramic materials, bioinert and bioactive, has been remarkable, as shown by the research topics covered in this symposium. Research direction towards tissue engineering reflects the growing awareness to the need to develop materials which integrate biological functions to optimize tissue response. It is interesting to note that an early application of tissue engineering is recorded in a chapter of Genesis of the Bible: the creation of Eve from Adam's rib.

What can not be included, but only implied in these pages, is that the series of Bioceramics meetings result in the strengthening of information bonds between experienced researchers and encouragement to those researchers just entering the field.

Putting together this book of Proceeding was a formidable task but was made possible with the valuable collaboration of the Local Organizing Committee, the Scientific Committee and the Executive Committee. The significant support of the New York University College of Dentistry, the National Institute of Dental Research of the National Institutes of Health, the Industrial Sponsors and the L. Linkow Implant Research Fund are gratefully acknowledged.

We hope that in this book you will find inspiration and vision for the advancement of ceramics in the field of medicine and dentistry to the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life.

God bless you.


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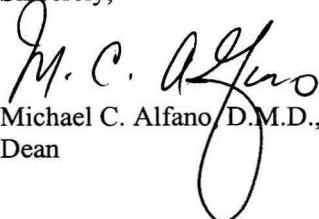
On behalf of the New York University College of Dentistry, I am pleased to welcome you to Bioceramics 11, the Eleventh International Symposium on Ceramics in Medicine and Dentistry. For three days, the study of ceramics in the medical sciences will be the focus of your discussions here, but we hope that you will find time also to explore our facilities at the David B. Kriser Dental Center and to enjoy some of the spectacular attractions of New York City.

The College of Dentistry is delighted to host the Symposium's first visit to New York. The College is the third oldest and the largest dental education institution in the United States, and it currently instructs more dentists than any other school. From the beginning, our mission has been to train oral health practitioners in the most advanced treatment therapies and state-of-the-art techniques. It is particularly fitting, then, that the cutting-edge research of bioceramics should enhance our learning community for the next few days.

A special thank you goes to Drs. Racquel Z. LeGeros and John P. LeGeros for organizing this outstanding Symposium. Their efforts have resulted in a most interesting collection of speakers from universities and industries throughout the world. I am certain that the data presented will stimulate your scientific curiosity as well as result in collaborations that will continue to foster this exciting discipline.

Once again, welcome. Your work represents some of the most thrilling advancements for the medical and dental professions. It is an important manifestation of your commitment to research and to excellence.

Sincerely,



Michael C. Alfano D.M.D., Ph.D.
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