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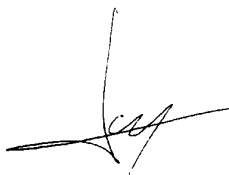
### Dear Colleague and Participant in Ceramics 2004 - 9<sup>th</sup> International BIOLOX® Symposium

We are proud of the fact that once again we have been able to give you a copy of the proceedings of this symposium as a part of your registration materials. This is a major achievement that was only made possible by the excellent cooperation of the speakers, the publishing house and their staff and the Symposium Administrator and her staff. We would like to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication in meeting the tight deadlines required to make this a reality.

The proceedings of this symposium continue the on-going tradition of providing us with a valuable addition to our reference libraries. We hope that you will be pleased to receive this book, since within its covers, you will find the latest scientific and clinical information regarding the use of ceramics in orthopaedic surgery.

This is the first time that the symposium has taken place outside Germany. The reason we chose Paris, France, is obvious. It is because CeramTec has had a long and close relationship with the French orthopaedic community and because this community has been an incontestable pioneer in the use of ceramics in the field of orthopaedics. For these reasons it was only fitting to hold the symposium in the capital city of this much respected country of orthopaedic achievement. CeramTec is pleased that the University Hospital Pitié Salpêtrière, our Honorary Presidents Prof. Sedel and Prof. Mittelmeier and our Symposium President, Prof. Lazennec have collaborated with us in the preparation and in the execution of **Ceramics 2004 - 9<sup>th</sup> International BIOLOX® Symposium**.

We hope that the quality of the presentations, the openness of the discussions, the efficiency of the organization, the knowledgeable participants and the City of Paris will have all worked together to make this a very special event in the pursuit of increased recognition of the benefits of our BIOLOX® ceramic technology by the Global Orthopedic Surgical community.



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