

Introduction

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In 1965, at the University of Colorado, a young Belgian surgeon named Jean-Bernard Otte established a legendary reputation as one of the most skillful, inexhaustible, and intelligent fellows ever to serve on the transplantation service of that institution. Now, almost 4 decades later, we are celebrating the end of the same man's illustrious academic career. During those intervening years, Jean-Bernard Otte has more than fulfilled the great promise of his youth. Full of honors and accomplishments, he can look back with pride at the role

he has played at virtually every level in the development of transplantation, surgery's newest and perhaps greatest field. When Professor Morelle sent Jean-Bernard Otto to me, it was with the prediction that his young student would become one of the surgery's great luminaries of the 20th century. This expectation has been fulfilled, as will become ever more evident as each layer of the transplantation process in which Jean-Bernard Otte participated is peeled away in a program that has been dedicated to him.