

## Editorial

The *Journal* has this year received 611 papers and we have published 225. This figure reflects to some extent our harder policy on acceptance of clinical records. The supplement entitled '11th BACO Conference Abstracts' was published in July.

The JLO Visiting Professor for 2003 was Professor William B Gibson who spoke at the Royal Society of Medicine and in Edinburgh, Manchester and Cambridge. Mr RGM Hughes was awarded the JLO Travelling Fellowship to support him towards the costs of a Head and Neck Fellowship in Vancouver. The JLO has also been pleased to assist Stephen Ball from Newcastle University Medical School towards the costs of an MPhil research project investigating human tonsillar antimicrobial peptides.

The following Assistant Editors and Advisers retired in April: Glyn Lloyd, Christopher Milroy, John Bradfield and Neil Tolley. We are very grateful to them all and in particular to Glyn Lloyd (who has helped the *Journal* for many years) for all their generous time they have given us.

We welcomed Andrew Prichard (head and neck surgeon in Shrewsbury) as an Assistant Editor and Dr Simon Rose (histopathologist in Bath) as an Adviser in Pathology. In addition Professor Alfio Ferlito (from Udine, Italy) and Professor Sunil Dutt (from Bangalore, India) joined us as International Assistant Editors.

During the last year we have been working with Tell Communications at Plymouth to update our Website. This work is nearing completion. We anticipate that within the first quarter of next year the new design, which will incorporate the facility to submit manuscripts electronically, will become live. At the same time we will start to accept manuscripts on floppy disc. We hope that these moves, greater details of which will appear in a further Editorial in the New Year, will both facilitate the submission of manuscripts and speed their processing during the peer review process.

We are grateful to RSM Press for their continued support and we congratulate Liz Turner on her marriage. She is now Liz Bickerdike.

The following have kindly acted as referees during 2003. We are indebted to them for the time that they have given the *Journal* as we are to all our Assistant Editors and Advisers.

D Baguley	C East	A Parker
Dinah Barrie	Professor G Ferns	Professor Alison Perry
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As a result of the transfer of the editorial office from Guildford we sadly will be saying goodbye to Gillian Goldfarb who has worked with us as Production Editor for over 10 years. She is known to so many of our authors and referees and will be greatly missed by us all. Thank you, Gillian, for all the hours you have spent chasing up referees, authors and indeed also the Editors! We welcome Rosamund Greensted who will, as an experienced Production Editor, soon get to know us all. We are delighted that Jennifer Almond our sub-editor will be continuing to work with us. Our company secretary Michael Hellyar has been a great strength to us all.

Finally, we wish to thank all our contributors and readers for their continued support of the *Journal*. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

NEIL WEIR & GUY KENYON  
EDITORS