

From the editor

News and comments

We must start off this second issue under our new management, regrettably, with a sincere apology. It took appreciably longer than we anticipated to transfer manuscripts to London, and to obtain proofs from the authors, so we were very late with delivering the material for publication to our printer in Hong Kong. Delivery then coincided with the Chinese New Year, during which time it seems everything stops, even in Hong Kong. In consequence, there was a considerable delay in the January issue reaching your desk. As indicated already, for this we are truly sorry. There will also be a minimal delay with the second issue, but we do hope that you are reading this message before April is out. From this stage onwards, we anticipate being slightly early in our times of publication, since we now have large amounts of material prepared for publication. This also has its downside because, as we have discussed before, it is taking appreciably longer to publish the manuscripts than is our wish. We are doing our best to catch up, and the current issue contains 128 pages of excellent material. In 1998 or 1999, we hope to move to six issues per year. In the meantime, we request patience from those authors who are eagerly awaiting the appearance of their manuscript.

The next major happening in the calendar of those interested in *Cardiology in the Young* is the Second World Congress, to be held very shortly in Hawaii (11-15 May). The Journal will be well represented at the meeting and, as with the Paris

meeting, will sponsor the Young Investigator's Award. We hope to be able to publish the manuscripts of some of the finalists in the October issue. We will also be represented in the Technical Exhibition so this is your opportunity to meet not only with the Editor, but also with the Publishers. We are all enthusiastic to learn your opinions about the Journal.

The series on Continuing Medical Education continues in this issue. Although we had thought that initial articles would need to be provided by the home team, we have been very fortunate in being offered the opportunity to publish an outstanding review concerned with development of the heart. Embryology is a topic with which our Editor-in-Chief has had a long interest, and his encounters with the topic have not always been positive. This led to a somewhat jaundiced view of embryology becoming a hindrance rather than a help. The excellent summary by the group from Amsterdam changes all that. In a mere 12 pages, these workers outline all the information needed to understand the steps involved in formation of the heart. The review was initially produced as a chapter for a book on teratology. We are indebted to Elsevier Publishers for permitting us to modify the work so as to include it in our educational series. This review is but the culmination of an issue packed with stimulating material. We hope you enjoy - and look forward to meeting you in Hawaii!

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