



## 'To our Editors',

In May 1963, Sir Ludwig Guttmann, our first Editor and President of IMSOP, wrote about our Journal, PARAPLEGIA, in its first issue:

*' . . . It is to provide an international forum for an easy interchange of ideas for all those responsible for the welfare of our paralysed fellow-men as well as to promote further elucidation of the many and varied aspects of this problem, that the new journal Paraplegia is dedicated. Long may it flourish!'*

Dear Phillip, seventeen years ago, as in the very first Greek Olympic Games, you were offered, as one of the Assistant Editors, to take the relay baton. It was not an easy task after Sir Ludwig. Ever since you have managed to constantly improve the scientific quality of our Society's journal and its presentation. With the help of many of our members the regional issues have made a steady headway. One must not forget that our journal has an international scope. It is read and appreciated in most countries around the world. It has also helped to increase the membership of IMSOP in 82 countries! You have given it this international flavour, and changed, not without a strong dose of persuasion, its title to SPINAL CORD which is far more appropriate to its aims.

May I thank, as a personal friend and on behalf of many friends, the journal's secretaries, Anne Scott and, after her, Carolyn Gilchrist, for having helped you, with many ups and downs, storms and calms, to keep the ship on its good course. May I also express my appreciation to Mrs Marija Voukovojac, and her collaborators, at Stockton, our publishers, for all their technical expertise and help. And last but not least, present our gratitude to your wife Sheelagh for the constant support she has given to you in a difficult job.

Phillip, thanks for all you have done and keep well!

I would now like to wish Lee Illis, our new Editor, the best possible success in taking over the relay baton. It is not an easy job and he knows it. We must, all of us, to the very best of our possibilities and knowledge, help him to keep the good course. This is the time when true friendships unveil themselves and, as they say in the French navy: 'Bons vents!'. I am certain that Lee can translate these two words into a good naval English!

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