Editorial

Why do we need another journal? Is there room for yet another publication to add to our groaning shelves, yet more information to sift through in our already overburdened working day?

We believe, quite simply, that there is. Never, in fact, has the need been greater for the kind of information and debate you will find in the pages of *Prostate Cancer and Prostatic Diseases*.

With the greying of the baby boomers, diseases of the prostate have taken centre stage in the role of the urologist. More and more of our working time is now spent dealing with patients with either prostate cancer, benign prostatic hyperplasia or prostatitis. Physicians from other disciplines, such as medical oncologists, radiation oncologists and geriatricians, as well as primary care practitioners, are also increasingly involved in the care of men with prostate problems.

Most papers on prostate disease today are published in general urological and scientific journals. We feel it is time for a clinical journal focused entirely on the prostate,

combining some of the best papers on the subject with up-to-the-minute reviews, making the latest advances easily accessible for the busy practitioner.

This very first issue presents two review articles, which we hope clinicians will find germane to their everyday practice, as well as some outstanding original papers. The next and all future issues will also contain a section entitled 'What's hot in the prostate?' edited by Arie Belledgrun, featuring the very latest news and views and to which readers are urged to contribute. Do join in with your comments and correspondence and help us make this new venture a truly innovative international forum.

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