Editorial

One year on, and with Volume 1 of *Prostate Cancer and Prostatic Diseases* complete, it seems timely to step back and see if we have achieved what we originally set out to do. In our editorial in the very first issue we wrote that we intended this new Journal to be a vehicle for some of the very best papers on the prostate and also to publish a series of up-to-the-minute reviews on the subject; both these aims have been accomplished. We have been particularly gratified by the number and quality of papers submitted, and we would like to thank not only all our contributors, but also all those who have helped with the peer review process. We are especially grateful to all those who have sent in review articles: in today's busy world these contributions, which succinctly summarise clinical state-of-the-art, are particularly appreciated by the hard-pressed clinician.

Arie Belldegrun's 'What's Hot in the Prostate?' has been a notable success. This unique news section continues to provide us with the latest information on prostate research as well as penetrating analysis of controversial issues. In this issue, for example, new drugs in development for the treatment of prostate cancer and the exciting potential of selenium as a preventative agent are reviewed.

This current issue also contains outstanding reviews on intermittent androgen blockade, non-steroidal antiandrogens, familial prostate cancer and the use of multivariate models to predict the local stage of prostate cancer. Original articles focus on, among other things, germane clinical issues such as radiotherapy after radical prostatectomy, patterns of care for prostate cancer patients from 2000 hospitals across the USA and comparisons of three free/total PSA assays.

Our feeling is that we are now firmly on track and we anticipate further progress in this publication up to and beyond the Millennium, but we would like to hear your views. Please continue to read the Journal and, most importantly, to send in your scientific contributions. Watch this space—this is where things are happening in the world of the prostate!

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