

EDITORIAL

The metamorphosis of the Transactions of the Ophthalmological Societies of the United Kingdom is now complete with this first issue of "Eye". The publication has been transformed into a bi-monthly refereed journal accepting not only papers read at the annual meetings of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress and other affiliated societies, but also free papers. As we look forward to the future we trust that this new journal will be welcomed by all for it is intended to incorporate the best of British ophthalmology.

For some time now our North American colleagues have dominated ophthalmology but it did seem appropriate to the Council of the Oxford Ophthalmology Congress that, since we are now part of the European Community, it would be fitting to foster links with our neighbours in Europe. Accordingly at the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress a guest speaker will be invited annually from a European country and the President of the national society of that country will also be invited to attend. Therefore this issue of "Eye", which incorporates papers presented at the Oxford Ophthalmological Congress in 1986, has a strong European flavour for not only does it include our first European guest speaker's presentation, but also the Doyne Memorial Lecture by an eminent French ophthalmologist.

Finally, I hope that readers of this first issue of "Eye" will find the new journal interesting and stimulating.

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