

## EDITORIAL

*Eye*, which is now starting its seventh volume, is increasing its readership throughout the world even though the circulations of other specialist journals seem to be falling. As a result an increasing number of articles are being sent to the Journal, all of which are subjected to a rigorous refereeing process. It has always been the policy of the Journal to publish material which has been accepted in the shortest possible time, and all articles within six months. This means that our panel of reviewers has had to work very hard to keep to the deadlines—for which we are most grateful. Readers will have noticed that the Journal is becoming thicker as there is a tendency for each issue to contain more articles. This process has now reached its limit, and so, in order to ensure that the rapid publication of good articles can continue, the Council of the College of Ophthalmologists has agreed, subject to finances being available, that from January 1995 *Eye* will be published in 12 monthly issues.

In the meantime there have been some alterations in the Instructions to Authors. You will see that the reference system is now the Vancouver system, which will bring us into line with many other scientific publications. However, the fact that this system is used on most computer software should not be an excuse for not reading the original article and checking its content! We can now accept authors' disks in WordPerfect or ASCII format, but it is essential that these are accompanied by a double-spaced printout. In these days of photocopying it no longer seems appropriate to give free offprints, so these have now been discontinued. We hope that these changes will speed both the writing and the publishing process and continue to improve the standard of this, your Journal.

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