

## Editorial

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With the increasing specialisation in the study and treatment of spinal cord disorders, and the increasing amount of work required in processing the large number of manuscripts submitted for publication, I have felt it necessary to appoint several new members to the Editorial Board of 'Paraplegia'. I have been most fortunate in attracting clinicians and scientists of high international repute.

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A Meeting of the Editorial Board took place in relation to the Scientific Meeting of the International Medical Society of Paraplegia, in the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, Scotland on the 2nd September 1985. The new format of 'PARAPLEGIA' was approved; there will be some further slight changes in the style of the lay-out. There was an excellent flow of manuscripts and scheduling was up to time. I stressed, again, that authors require to comply with the Instructions to Authors, that are clearly set out in the inside of the back cover of each number of the Journal. If authors have difficulty in obtaining translations of the Summary of their paper into French and/or German, this can be carried out in Edinburgh (the authors may be charged a small fee for this service).

Representatives of the Publishers were in attendance at the Meeting, and it was pleasing to know that the financial situation of the Journal was satisfactory. The new Production Editor is Mr. James Robertson, and the new Advertising Sales Executive is Dr. Pamela Noble. A new promotional leaflet is being prepared, as is a new Membership Form for the I.M.S.O.P.

Editorship of an international journal which is published bi-monthly is a challenging and at times onerous task, but it is certainly an interesting and stimulating activity. I am most grateful for all the invaluable assistance that I obtain from the Members of the Editorial Board, and from the many referees who so kindly provide excellent advice and pertinent comments on manuscripts. Without such dedicated help the standard of the Journal would wane. I am particularly grateful to Mr. James Cosbie Ross, the Assistant Editor. My thanks are also due to our new Editorial Secretary, Mrs. Ann Muir, M.A.; and to the Publishers.

Phillip Harris  
Editor.