

Editorial

The *Journal* has been busier than ever this year. We received 614 papers and published 260. The website has had 65 864 hits since April 1998.

The 1998 *JLO* Travelling Fellowship was awarded jointly to Mr V Nandapalan to visit Professor Mirko Tos in Copenhagen and to Mr A S Carney to study Facioplasmic Surgery and Free Tissue Transfer in New York. The 1998/99 *JLO* Visiting Professor Robert Ossoff from Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, Nashville, Tennessee, will visit the UK in May 1999 and will deliver lectures in Bristol and Nottingham and at the Royal Society of Medicine and Gray's Inn Road.

We are grateful to the CME Committee of the British Association of Otolaryngologists – Head and Neck Surgeons for granting 10 Distance Learning CME points for completion of our CME Questions which you will find in this issue of the *Journal*. We look forward to issuing many certificates in February 1999.

This year each issue has been enhanced by the Molecular Biology in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery Series which has been guest edited by Mr Michael Kuo. It has been very popular and we are very grateful to him for arranging it.

Sadly Henry Grant will be leaving the Assistant Editors after a long time in post as he has recently taken on an even more onerous post as a manager of the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, London. We are grateful to him for all the time he has given the *Journal*.

During the year we have welcomed Saumil Merchant, Otologist at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston as an Assistant Editor and Ketan Shah and Adrian Warfield who join us as Advisers in Pathology. We would like to thank all the Assistant Editors, Pathology, Audiology, Radiology and Statistics Advisers for their immense amount of hard work.

The following have kindly acted as referees during 1998. We are grateful to them for the time they have given to the *Journal*.

Gillian Adams	P Ellis	J Rowe-Jones
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Finally we wish to thank all our contributors and readers for their continued support of the *Journal*. May we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

Neil Weir and Guy Kenyon
Editors