

Following negotiations between the Australian Behaviour Modification Association (ABMA) and Pergamon Press (Australia) Pty Ltd, *Behaviour Change (BC)* is to be published by Pergamon Press on behalf of the ABMA. This is in fact the first issue published by Pergamon Press and as such represents an important milestone in the development of *BC*. Since its inception in 1984, *BC* has grown into a respectable behavioural science journal. We have seen a steady increase in the supply of manuscripts, a gradual increase in pagination and an expansion of our Editorial Board. With the transition to Pergamon Press, the number of issues is to be increased from two to four per year. The ABMA believes this is better for the profile of the journal and Association. At this point we would like to comment briefly on the philosophy and future directions of *BC*.

From the outset it was understood that *BC* should publish articles of a theoretical and empirical nature with a strong commitment to the "scientist-practitioner". We shall continue to publish the spectrum of articles:—literature reviews, conceptual analyses, between-group studies, time-series investigations, case reports and procedural guidelines in future issues. Reflecting the maturity of behavioural theory and practice, *BC* is interested in negative findings! As well as the

regular issues of *BC*, we shall also be publishing mini-series. To date we have published two successful mini-series: Schizophrenia (Guest Editors: Henry Jackson & Nirbhay Singh) and Behavioural Sport Psychology (Guest Editors: Christine Lee & Neville Owen).

In establishing the image of the journal, we have deliberately encouraged articles from diverse settings including psychiatric, health, education, community and organizational spheres. Encompassing such a variety of settings is important in demonstrating the broad applicability of behavioural principles. We have been reasonably successful in meeting this objective, and hope such diversity remains a distinguishing feature of *BC*. Unfortunately, we have been less successful in attracting the range of contributors as originally conceived. Although behavioural principles are relevant to all groups of helping professionals, the vast majority of contributors are psychologists. The representation of the various helping professions is seen as a major challenge in the forthcoming years. Here we need to remind ourselves that the ABMA and *BC* aspire to be multidisciplinary, and that our future may depend upon the extent to which we become multidisciplinary!

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