

Editorial

We chose not to run any special series or publish supplements during the year 2001 as we had had a particularly busy Millennium year. Nevertheless, we have received 608 papers and have published 272 which is rather more than the previous year. The overall presentation of papers is on the whole good but despite our annual reminder there are still a number of authors who are not troubling to use MeSH in order to prepare recognized key words or reading the Instructions to Authors. This does delay the perusal and processing of manuscripts.

The JLO Visiting Professor for 2001 was Professor John Rutka from Toronto. He gave an excellent paper at the RSM and then travelled to Glasgow, Birmingham and Gloucester. We reported on his visit in August. Three JLO Travelling Fellowships have been granted for 2001. Mr Sunil Dutt visited Gothenburg and Nijmegen and his report was published in November, Mr William Hellier went to the House Clinic, Los Angeles and the Institute Portmann in Bordeaux and Mr Zvoru Makura is visiting the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre in New York and also is going to Hong Kong. Reports on the last two fellows' visits will be published soon.

Professor Imrich Friedmann did not seek re-election to the Board of Directors this year but we are delighted to say that he has agreed to stay on as our Emeritus Adviser in Pathology. We do very much value his help particularly with more difficult and unusual cases. At the end of the year we will sadly be losing the help of Dr Janine Gray who has been one of our Advisers in Statistics for a number of years. We are very grateful to her for the time that she has spent correcting the statistical element of our papers.

At the Annual General Meeting we were pleased to elect Martin Bailey, Liam Food, John Rubin and Iain Swan as Directors of JLO (1984) Ltd and Robert Mills has kindly agreed to join us as an Assistant Editor.

Our relations with RSM Press have been very satisfactory and again we are grateful to Peter Richardson, Delia Siedle and Lisa Colledge for their continued support. The following have kindly acted as referees during 2001. We are indebted to them for the time that they have given to the *Journal*.

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As ever we are greatly indebted to Gillian Goldfarb, our production editor, and Jennifer Almond, our sub-editor, for the huge amount of work which they put in to maintain the high standards of the *Journal*. Finally, we wish to thank all our contributors and readers for their continued support of the *Journal*. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful New Year.

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