

Editorial comment

For your information...

The editors are very much gratified by the response to the first issue of *Cardiology in the Young*. We are indeed very grateful to those that participated in the inaugural issue by submitting manuscripts and to the WORLD FORUM FOR PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY for coordinating the generous corporate and private financial support that made possible the publication and distribution of the first issue to all of our colleagues throughout the world. We have heard from many of you, and we thank those of you who called or wrote to express your opinion after receiving the first issue. We in the Editorial Office hope to keep to what we have been told is a remarkably high standard. We can only retain these standards if you, our readers and colleagues, keep us continually on our toes, and send us your work for consideration of publication.

For completeness, we must share with you that at least one individual was less than charitable in her comments regarding publication of *Cardiology in the Young*. We have published her letter in its entirety in the *World Forum* letter section in keeping with our editorial policy of presenting opposing viewpoints; we invite you to read it and decide for yourself the merits of her position.

Many of you have offered ideas and suggestions for improving subsequent issues. For example, areas of possible disagreement in an approach to diagnosis or therapeutic options have generated several ideas. Such manuscripts are currently in the review process and will appear in future issues.

We actively invite you to submit editorial comments for possible publication in the form of editorials or Letters to the Editor. If you disagree with any ideas or conclusions published in *Cardiology in the Young*, please write to us, and we will make your comments available to your colleagues in the *World Forum* section.

This second issue of *Cardiology in the Young* is intended to continue our aspirations to provide a worldwide forum for the discussion of heart disease presenting primarily in children. In keeping with our policy of timely publication of material accepted for publication, we have elected to proceed with the publication of the original articles judged by peer review to be suitable for publication to the *Cardiology in the Young*. We apologize to those authors whose manuscripts have been

returned, but we are encouraged by your willingness to have *Cardiology in the Young* to review your work and we hope to have the opportunity to review your subsequent manuscripts.

Our next issue will include manuscripts devoted to various issues presented by Kawasaki disease. We are privileged and proud that Dr. Kawasaki himself has prepared the opening review of "his" disease. The subsequent issue will include manuscripts devoted to atrioventricular septal defect. We welcome contributions to these and any other aspect of cardiology in the young.

You will note that in the Announcement Section preceding this page, the World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery—1992 meeting in Rio de Janeiro listed originally in the first issue no longer appears in the listing for 1992. We think this situation deserves special comment due to its importance to our readers and because of our intention to help sponsor satellite meetings at the Congress. After the first issue of *Cardiology in the Young* went to press, we learned from our colleagues on the Congress Organizing Committee that difficulties encountered in Brazil have precluded the Brazilians being able to host the Congress as scheduled in 1992. In fact, we understand that the Congress will not be held in Rio de Janeiro and that the Congress will be postponed for one year. As we go to press, the new venue has not been finalized. The Organizing Committee will announce officially the change in plans later in the year, and we will make this information available to you then. We sincerely hope that present difficulties will be resolved rapidly.

On the more positive side, we are excited about the possibility of additional meetings that are currently in the planning stages that will potentially offer opportunities for professional interchange and fellowship during 1992. Finally, the organizing committee of the WORLD FORUM FOR PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY has decided to consider relocating the Interventional Cardiology Symposium and the Young Investigator's Competition previously scheduled to be held during the Congress in 1992, and an announcement of the dates and location will be mailed to you as well as listed in the next issue of *Cardiology in the Young*.