

## *From the Editor and Publisher*

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IT IS WITH AN AUSPICIOUS ISSUE THAT WE commence our second year of publication under the tenure of Greenwich Medical Media. We are delighted to announce that, as from July, 1997, the Journal has been accepted for indexing in "Current Contents", "Research Alert" and "SciSearch". "Current Contents" will, after the next few issues, assign the journal with an impact factor. Furthermore, our acceptance by these indexing services means that we will now redouble our efforts to become accepted also by Index Medicus. Having completed our first year of publication with Greenwich Medical Media, and hopefully having emulated the standards set by World Publishing, the issues from 1997 have been collated and submitted to the National Library of Medicine. At some point in 1998, the journal will be assessed by the appropriate board which considers Cardiological journals. Support from our readers can increase markedly our chances of success. If, therefore, you approve of our efforts to date, please write on our behalf to the National Library of Medicine. The address is: Index Medicus, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda MD 20894, USA.

Our success in achieving indexation is but one of the happenings we report in our first issue of 1998. Our readers will find in this issue not only a Newsletter from the Association for European Paediatric Cardiology, but also the text of the Mannheim lecture given by Robert Freedom in Stockholm in August of 1997, and an appreciation of Edgar Mannheim himself prepared by Lars-Erik Carlgren. This innovation marks what, we hope, will be a continuing relationship between *Cardiology in the Young* and the European Association. As explained in the Newsletter, the Association underwent a sea change during the meeting in Stockholm. The membership voted overwhelmingly to open its ranks to those who are not themselves Paediatric Cardiologists, but who are, nonetheless, intimately involved in the diagnosis, treatment, and study of Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery as encountered in the young. Thus, as from now, surgeons, anaesthetists, radiologists, morphologists and basic scientists will all be free to seek admittance to the Association. This can do nothing but good, and

must increase markedly the visibility of Paediatric Cardiology not only in Europe but throughout the world. We are delighted to be able to offer the Association the opportunity to use our pages to keep our readership informed of the various happenings organized under their auspices. Thus, we hope to publish a column in each issue giving details of important happenings within the Association. In addition to this, we will collate a calendar of events in Paediatric Cardiology, commencing with those organised by the Association, but including all those which you, our readers, consider appropriate. Send us details of any National or International events of which we may be unaware, and we will do our best to include them. It is also our hope to publish the Abstracts of the Association. This has proved possible in the past, but on a somewhat haphazard basis. We have reached agreement with Desmond Duff to publish the proceedings of the meeting to be held in Dublin in June of 1998, and we hope that an ongoing relationship will permit us to continue this tradition on a regular basis. We also hope to bring you, in our July issue, the text of the next Mannheim lecture, which will be delivered by Elliot Shinebourne.

There is then still another innovation in this issue which we hope to establish as a regular feature. This is the page devoted to "Images in Cardiology". Such images as seen in adults have already become popular in other journals and, when approached by Roxane McKay as to our own interest, we were more than happy to accept her offer to set in motion, and then to edit, this particular corner of the Journal. In this issue, and for April, we will publish images provided by Roxane and her colleagues in Saskatoon. For the future, we hope that we will attract submissions from the general readership. Those wishing to submit images for consideration should note that the series will consist of definitive, unique or extraordinary pictures of any aspect of congenital heart disease. The illustrations will be accompanied by a legend of not more than 250 words (one double-spaced typewritten page). There will be a maximum of three authors, and one reference may be included. When selecting appropriate images, Roxane will take note of

instructional value and artistic merit as well as scientific import and clinical relevance. An example of the required format is provided by Dr McKay's initial contribution on page 136. Those wishing to submit images for consideration should follow this format, and send their contributions directly to Dr McKay at Royal University Hospital, University of Saskatchewan, 103 Hospital Drive, Saskatoon SK S7N 0W8, Canada. The more material she receives, the greater will be the variety of images published.

The portents for the future, therefore, are continually improving. We are reminded of the comments made by Winston Churchill at a

speech given in Mansion House, London, in the autumn of 1942. He had just been informed of the success achieved by the allied armies at the Battle of El Alamein, much needed good news in a war which, to that time, had been progressing remarkably badly. Churchill, having announced the victory, commented "*It is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. It is, perhaps, the end of the beginning*".

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