



## Robert Derom MD PHD FRCOG

### A tribute to the Founder Editor by Elizabeth Bryan, President ISTS

Robert Derom was present at the first International Congress on Twin Studies, in Rome in 1974, when the International Society for Twin Studies was founded. He has, ever since, given his unstinting support to its growth and development, and has been closely involved with the Working Groups on Twin Methodology and on Multiple Pregnancy.

In 1995 Robert became President of the ISTS and there can be no more fitting monument to his presidency than Twin Research, the Society's journal, which was launched in 1998. As a practicing obstetrician with an interest in genetics, he was ideally qualified to be the founding editor of our multidisciplinary journal.

Over the past two years, Robert's magnificent work has established a journal which has already attracted many excellent contributions. For this, and his own invaluable research, we all owe him an enormous debt of gratitude.

From the beginning of 2000, Robert hands over the challenging task of Editor-in-Chief to his successor, Nicholas Martin. Nick has already contributed much to the journal as an Associate Editor and in particular as joint editor of our first Special Issue on Religion, Values and Health: Unravelling the Role of Genes and Environment (Twin Research, volume 2, no 2, June 1999).

We are excited at the prospect of the next stage in the life of our journal and look forward to an expanding readership and an increasing number of valuable contributions.

## New Editor of Twin Research

Professor Nicholas Martin has been appointed as the new Editor-in-Chief of Twin Research. He will assume responsibility from the beginning of 2000.

With immediate effect, all new manuscripts should be submitted, preferably by email as attached documents, to the following address:

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