

# Editorial

## Transitions

It seems appropriate to take editorial note of two changes which will affect our readership.

The Strategic Grants Program in Population Aging of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRCC) has held its last competition, and the applications which will be reviewed in September, 1987 will be the last. Over the years, many articles have appeared in *The Canadian Journal on Aging* based on research conducted with support from this program. Because of the time frame of research, we will continue to be publishing research supported in this way for several years to come. Canadian scholars in gerontology, particularly those in the social sciences and humanities, should be grateful for the support of this program, which also gave a number of post-doctoral fellows a start in gerontology, which assisted a number of established scholars to “re-orient” into gerontology and which provided funding to support five centres or programmes. I believe that the Strategic Grants Program in Population Aging has been remarkably successful in its fundamental objective, which was to stimulate the development of a viable research community in social sciences and humanities research in population aging.

The Canadian Association on Gerontology has had a close consultative relationship with SSHRCC which dates prior to the establishment of the Strategic Grants Program. Moreover, other activities of CAG, notably support for travel to scholarly conferences and support for this Journal, have been supported by SSHRCC components other than the Strategic Grants Program. The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada will of course continue to support research in population aging, through its normal research-granting structure. The field is now, hopefully, mature enough to flourish without the need for continuing “strategic” support.

Discerning readers will notice a change in the style and format of the Journal. Changing to a standard page size, and moving from the two-column to full page format will result in cost savings in paper and typesetting. We also feel that the new format is more appealing. If you do not like the colour of the cover, you will be glad to know that we plan to change the colour each volume year. I am bemused by the lack of feedback from the membership concerning the Journal and changes which have been initiated during the past volume year. Your comments would be appreciated.