Editorial

Our first year

On publishing the final issue of the first year of the Clinical Molecular Pathology (CMP) edition, it is timely to give a brief account of the progress of this venture. It seems almost impossible that we have come to the end of the initial volume of our Journal and comments and thanks are clearly due.

We have now, for the last two issues, achieved our target size of 72 pages, which is remarkable for a new, bi-monthly publication. This clearly reflects the enthusiasm of our supporters. In addition, of course, it is a tribute to the high quality of the submissions to CMP. The efforts of our referees have ensured such good standards. We wish to thank them all for their contributions. Another assurance of our future is the truly multinational input of papers. The original remit of the Journal has largely been met, in that it continues to be multidisciplinary, including papers from all branches of pathology, encompassing the disciplines of clinical chemistry, haematology, histopathology, microbiology, virology, immunology, and cytogenetics. This has been reflected by the substance of leading and original articles and has underlined one of the original tenets of the Journal. That is to say, we are currently publishing papers written by members of all disciplines, who talk the same technical language, yet who would never before have had such a forum for exchange of ideas and methodologies. It is also a pleasure that our contents now include studies of molecular genetics and developmental cell biology. This is emphasised by the interests of some of our Editorial Board.

Where, then, do we see ourselves in one or two years time? Certainly, the aim is to maintain as high a quality of papers as before. Our hope is that we can increase the content of "pure science" papers, as these are now so basic to clinical research. We also hope to augment our correspondence section to generate an exciting exchange of ideas.

At the end of our first year, we do, of course, wish to extend our best wishes and great thanks to Elaine Reed, our Editorial Assistant, and to Mavis Burrell and Andrea Horgan, without whom all this would have been impossible. Also, we are grateful to all of Editorial Board and to Dr David Lowe, Editor of the Journal of Clinical Pathology, for their continuing enthusiasm and support. Thanks are also to be given to Alex Williamson, Diana Blair-Fish and Julie Halfacre at the BMJ Publishing Group, whose commitment has ensured the success of CMP. Finally, we acknowledge the support of you, our subscribers, contributors and readers.

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