

## Preface

Now that we are embarking on the publication of the fourth volume of the *Journal* we think it is an opportune time to review its progress.

The *Journal* started with an irregular publication schedule for Volume 1 and it took 14 months to complete the publication of the first volume. The reputation of the *Journal* was enhanced considerably by Volume 2 which consisted of 914 pages devoted to papers presented at the Tokyo conference. Volume 3 featured the first of our dedicated issues, and we are pleased to say that we are now on schedule for regular quarterly publication.

With the appearance of this volume we shall welcome some new members to the Editorial Board and we trust that their period on the Board will be mutually rewarding. We must, of course, record our appreciation of the work done by the retiring members during the formative years of the *Journal* and our present healthy position is due to the combined efforts of all members of the first Editorial Board, the Publishers and the Editors. We must also acknowledge the essential services of our referees, who are thanked separately elsewhere in this issue.

We foresee a bright future for the *Journal* with it becoming firmly established as the leading *Journal* dealing with inclusion phenomena. We also anticipate that there will be a changeover from quarterly to bimonthly publication in the future.

We therefore hope that this news will be welcomed by the last group which we must thank, *viz* our subscribers, and we hope that any of our readers who are not presently subscribers will shortly join the happy band!

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