Editorial

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As many of you already know, David Williams has resigned as an Editor of the Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine to assume Editorial responsibility for Biomaterials. David has jointly edited Materials in Medicine with me since our start in 1990. I wish David well in his new role and am grateful to him for his contribution to the development of Materials in Medicine, from a starting level as a quarterly journal in 1990 to its present strong position, with 12 issues and 860 pages published in 1995.

Our role as the official publication of the European Society for Biomaterials will continue and you will have already noted the distinctive special issue in December 1995, containing selected highlights form the 12th European Conference on Biomaterials. Henceforth, all submitted papers should be sent to me at a new address as follows:

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At the launch of Materials in Medicine in 1990, our Editorial concluded – 'We hope that the Journal of Materials Science: Materials in Medicine will prove beneficial to the international biomedical materials community in providing a distinctive outlet for research papers and a wide readership forum. With your help, we have no doubt that this new publication will rapidly establish itself as a leading journal in the important subject of biomedical materials'. Certainly we can now claim a distinctive contribution to the subject through our linkage to the 'hard science' associated with Journal of Materials Science. I am convinced that our electronic publication will be of further value to the community and hope that you will take advantage of the free sample access to this system.