Editorial

The *International Journal of Clinical Monitoring and Computing* is getting married. The wedding will take place in January 1998 when our journal will join with the *Journal of Clinical Monitoring* to form a strong union, *The Journal of Clinical Monitoring and Computing*. The editors of both journals have given their blessing to the planned union and all are looking forward to a vigorous future of the joint enterprise. The new journal will continue the tradition as the international journal for computing and technology in clinical practice.

The *International Journal* was founded by the late Dr. Omar Prakash in 1984 and we have now completed volume fourteen. In fact the two journals are almost of equal age, the *Journal of Clinical monitoring* is publishing its thirteenth volume. As readers may know, both journals have published material that could have been well placed in either one of them. True to our title, we have published material devoted to monitoring, computing and medical informatics, while the *Journal of Clinical Monitoring* had a little more anaesthesia-related clinical material.

With the merger, the readership of both journals will enjoy a wider selection of articles, and a more frequent appearance of the journal, which will be published eight times a year. Because Kluwer has been publishing both journals and because authors of both journals send their manuscript to Kluwer, the transition from two journals to one will be easily accomplished. Keep sending the manuscripts. You will learn more on the merger in the first issue of the new journal very soon.

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