

Editorial

“Happy New Year”

1985 will see the 20th anniversary of both the *European Association for the Study of Diabetes* and its official organ, our journal *Diabetologia*. Both institutions and their representatives will use the opportunity to take a deep breath (and a large drink, I hope), to look back, to congratulate themselves (at least a little bit) and to think about the future. The readers of *Diabetologia* will be invited to participate to some extent in these celebrations, since we are going to publish an article on the history of the EASD in April and a special anniversary issue of the journal in September of 1985.

In the meantime, we must face a rather complicated problem. Our London-based Editorial Assistant, Mrs. Sarah Spencer-Smith, who has been the heart and soul of *Diabetologia* during those most difficult years since 1980, is leaving us this January because she has been offered a prestigious administrative position completely unrelated to the publishing business in general (or to another diabetes journal). On behalf of the entire Editorial Board and the EASD, I want to thank you, Sarah, for the truly great job you have done for *Diabetologia*. There was a time in which it was you who kept our journal going. But, more than that, you have continuously influenced, corrected and improved the style and presentation of *Diabetologia*, and you have been an unremitting guardian of the English language in all dealings with people living and writing from outside the U.K. (including myself). So many of our authors have seen their manuscripts improved by your red pencil (and have eventually come to accept it, too) that SSS has become the trademark of the style and presentation of *Diabetologia*. Moreover, the most comprehensive set of “Instructions to Authors” as published for the first time

in our July 1984 issue and again in the present one, was essentially your work. Thank you again, Sarah, for everything that you have done for all of us and for the journal; our congratulations and our heartfelt best wishes for success in your new job go with you.

Due to Sarah's departure, we have unfortunately been forced to close down *Diabetologia's* London Office. Effective January 1985, the entire editorial process will be centralized in Düsseldorf. Thus, all manuscripts (four copies, instead of five) must be sent to Düsseldorf from now on. With the help of two American ladies, Mrs. Beverly B. Niemann and Mrs. Marie C. Kroll, we will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible. Perhaps, once the inevitable pangs of transition subside, we will be able to speed up the editorial process even further, and we hope that, together with our London team of Assistant Editors, we can still continue to maintain the high standards of language and presentation which have become the trademark of *Diabetologia*. You, our readers, can of course contribute substantially to a smooth transition as well: please read and follow the “Instructions to Authors” as religiously as your personality allows, submit only your very best research, and, most important, please do not call us on the telephone!

With all of these foreseen (the various anniversary celebrations) and unforeseen (the sudden centralization of the editorial process in Düsseldorf) events ahead of us, I remain with my very best wishes to all of you for a happy and successful 1985,

Yours sincerely,
Michael Berger

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