Editorial

This issue marks the beginning of a new era for *JIT*. In the last edition it was indicated that the AIT committee has decided to stop its quarterly meetings and concentrate on an annual conference. This means that in the interim there will be no proceedings. Although disappointing in many ways, it is hoped that this will be beneficial to the journal in the long run. Publishing proceedings has always posed problems for the editorial team because papers were not received as expected and this caused delays to production.

In future editions a number of new items will be introduced to the journal including a large news section concentrating on items of interest to the IT community. Meanwhile, in this issue we continue to range across a variety of issues.

Larry Gaultney, Miroslav Skibnieski and Gavriel Salvendy review technology transfer and suggest a new framework and methodology in modelling in this area.

Martin Wynn describes the business benefits Glaxo Pharmaceuticals accrued through the introduction of PCs in office systems and end-user computing during the period 1984–88.

R. J. Cunningham explores the field of software engineering, looking in particular at some of the problem issues and giving some pointers for future developments.

Ivo Spigel gives his view of AI today and suggests ways of overcoming problems by focusing on integral, implicitly intelligent systems.

Rob Moreton tackles the theme of managing data in a complex environment suggesting the need for a new approach, taking into account users' changing perceptions of the importance of data management.

Our concluding paper was given as an after dinner speech by John Lindsay and is retained in this lively form.

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