

## FOREWORD

It is now over 20 years since the foundation of the EDTA and at the moment Willem Drukker is already engaged in gathering material for a history of the Association. This time has seen many changes, none greater than in the past three years. First, the moves towards a true European Society of Nephrology begun 12 years ago in Tel-Aviv and almost complete after we became the EDTA—European Renal Association in Madrid in 1982. The contributions to this twenty second Proceedings illustrate the new breadth and depth of our coverage. Not that dialysis or transplantation have been neglected; indeed, the number of contributions on *both* topics this year is greater than in any previous meeting.

This expansion has, however, brought its problems and as you all know this will be the last number of the Proceedings in its present form; the reasons are summarized in Sandy Davison's Preface. The last Annual General Meeting approved the unanimous suggestion of Council that we continue in 1986 with a journal, initially in six bi-monthly issues. We know that not everyone is happy with this course, but Council hopes that the advantages to the Association—both financial and scientific will convince all members in the long run. One of the many advantages will be a regular 'news and views' page in which members may make comments and suggestions on the Association's affairs.

Naturally, many of us are sad to lose the old format. I was privileged to be Editor of the Proceedings from 1971 to 1973 and I do not feel that the effort invested was in any way wasted because the series is now ending. Successive Editors, not the least Sandy Davison, have since put enormous efforts into the Proceedings and we owe them all thanks. I have no doubt that *your* journal will soon command the affection and active participation generated by the old volumes. I look forward to the first number next Summer.

I hope to meet you all again, in Budapest.

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