At this time of transition, let me address a few of the new horizons for *Refractive and Corneal Surgery*.

**James J. Salz, MD, Founding Editor**

As founding editor of the journal, Dr Salz served not only as midwife during its birth, but also as parent during its fledgling years. The journal has appeared bimonthly for 4 years, on time, never missing an issue—a fine tribute to Dr Salz’s diligence and the splendid support of SLACK Incorporated, as represented by Publisher Richard Roash, former Managing Editor John Carter, and Managing Editor Jennifer Johnson. Most remarkable, Dr Salz accomplished this out of his own office, with provision of neither funding nor staff by the publisher or the sponsoring societies. Fortunately, both groups will provide more substantive support for the journal in the coming years, providing a firmer basis for future growth. Dr Salz, the journal you established will continue to mature.

**New Name and Scope**

The expansion of The Journal of Refractive Surgery to *Refractive and Corneal Surgery* grew out of the criticism offered by the National Library of Medicine’s *Index Medicus* review committee, which opined that the journal had too narrow a scope. In response, the Publisher and the Editorial Board broadened the journal to include all types of corneal surgery, which is now as much a refractive enterprise as a tectonic one. We welcome articles that emphasize the refractive aspects of corneal surgery, such as selective suture removal to reduce astigmatism, intraocular lens power calculations in conjunction with penetrating keratoplasty, and surgical management of astigmatism after penetrating keratoplasty.

The sponsoring societies, the International Society of Refractive Keratoplasty and the European Refractive Surgical Society, think that providing a journal with a specific emphasis on refractive surgery will appropriately augment the major thrusts of our sister societies and their subspecialty journals: The Castroviejo Cornea Society and *Cornea* with its emphasis on corneal function and disease, The Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists and the CLAO Journal with its emphasis on cataract surgery, and The European Intraocular Implant Lens Council and the European Journal of Implant and Refractive Surgery.

**Activist Editorial Board**

*Refractive and Corneal Surgery* is now organized around the specific sections laid out in the masthead of this issue. The Editorial Board members associated with each section are responsible for the success of their section through solicitation of manuscripts, personal contributions, and editorial peer review. As Editor, I appreciate the commitment of each of these (already overextended) individuals. The luminaries on the Advisory Board have agreed to provide support and counsel for the Journal, in addition to their own contributions. The Board represents the breadth of the international refractive surgery community with minimal duplication from single institutions or regions.

**Listing in *Index Medicus***

Computerized reference sources are an integral part of modern communications. In 1988, the National Library of Medicine changed the mechanism by which journals are selected for listing in the *Index Medicus*, from informal review by individual consultants to formal review by an established committee that functions similar to the study sections of the National Institutes of Health. The committee has raised the standards for listing, not only for new applicants (in 1988, 87 of 309 applicants were accepted), but also for those currently listed, with plans to expunge those journals not meeting current standards. We applaud these decisions. In early 1990, *Refractive and Corneal Surgery* will apply for *Index Medicus* listing with retroactive indexing. Thus, a large volume of high caliber contributions from the refractive surgical community will especially benefit the journal in 1989.

**International Scope**

As the official publication of the International...
Society of Refractive Keratoplasty and the European Refractive Surgical Society, with an increasing number of affiliates, such as those from South America, Refractive and Corneal Surgery is committed to represent the interests of refractive surgery worldwide. It is sometimes difficult for clinicians and researchers who work in non-English speaking countries to provide manuscripts that are written in the customary structure and style of American journals. Nevertheless, it is our commitment to provide the extra time and support for refractive surgeons around the world to meet the high standards of peer review for the journal and to facilitate publication whenever possible.

I look forward to rapid growth of Refractive and Corneal Surgery.

GEORGE O. WARING III, MD
Editor

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