Emphasizing the importance of international communication in refractive surgery, the International Society of Refractive Keratoplasty (ISRK) and the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS) have agreed to exchange journal subscriptions for their regular members. The Boards of the two societies have voted to expend the extra funds to purchase the journals as a member benefit for both groups. Beginning in January 1994, all regular members of ISRK will receive a copy of the European Journal of Implant and Refractive Surgery and approximately 660 members of ESCRs will receive a copy of the Journal of Refractive and Corneal Surgery. ESCRs has over 3,000 members, so full distribution of the Journal of Refractive and Corneal Surgery to all members will be phased in gradually. This exchange of journals emphasizes the enormous and admirable growth of ISRK in recent years, especially under the current presidency of Dr. Richard Lindstrom and under the guidance of his able officers. This bold step, which will tax the treasuries of both societies, is a worthy venture indeed. It emphasizes the global nature of refractive surgery, a subspecialty that has had a multinational gestation for the past half century. It will bring surgeons from Europe, America, and other regions closer together as they become more familiar with each other's work and with each other by name. It will create closer ties between the two sponsoring societies and foster other exchanges, such as the program sponsored by ISRK during the ESCRs meeting in Innsbruck, Austria in 1993. It provides added benefit to ophthalmologists in each society at no increase in dues, which hopefully will increase membership in both societies.

On behalf of the Journal of Refractive and Corneal Surgery and the ISRK, I extend congratulations to editor Emmanuel Rosen, the officers of ESCRs, and their colleagues and staff, for this expansion of transatlantic and international cooperation.