

A bottle of champagne was uncorked in the editorial office when manuscript no. 100 came in. This article was received in October 1988, not quite a year after the first call for papers in November 1987. More than 100 manuscripts in the first year is quite a feat, one which we are proud of and one for which we have to thank all those people who submitted their scientific work to *Transplant International*.

A great deal of time and effort goes into reviewing and editing manuscripts for our journal, not to mention all the work involved in the actual production of the journal. It therefore seems appropriate to provide past and future contributors to *Transplant International* with some figures regarding the processing of manuscripts.

At the very moment this is being written, 101 manuscripts have been submitted. Three were written on request, and one was an announcement. In other words, 97 were submitted spontaneously. Of these 97, the editorial processing for 74 has been completed. Of the remaining 23, 9 have been sent back to the authors for revision and 14 are currently being reviewed.

The data below are based on the 74 papers referred to above, for which the peer review process has been completed.

- Mean number of reviewers: 2.6
- Number of manuscripts rejected: 30 (40%)
- Number of manuscripts accepted for publication: 44 (60%)  
(Of these 44, 26 required little or no revision and 18 required major revision.)
- Processing time (from date of receipt until publication): 5.5 months  
(For manuscripts requiring little or no revision, processing time averaged 4.5 months; for manuscripts requiring major revision, it was 6.5 months.)

For a quarterly journal, this is a rather short processing time. That manuscripts can be processed so quickly is partly due to the use of telefax by many reviewers.

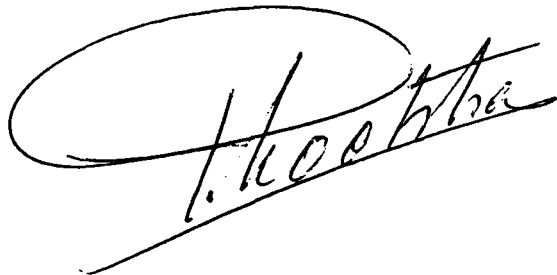
At this point I would like to thank not only the members of our Editorial Board and our International Advisory Board for their help and support, but also all of my other colleagues who took time out from their busy schedules to review manuscripts for *Transplant International*. Their names are listed below as an acknowledgement of their important contributions.

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The quantity and quality of the papers that have thus far been submitted to our journal show that there is definitely a place in the field for *Transplant International*. *Current Literature in Nephrology* has included it in its listing, and we expect that our journal will also be listed in *Current Contents* in due course.

We are now busy at work on Volume 2. Your contributions are most welcome!



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