

## **Editor's note:**

*1992 has been a special year in the development of the profession of speech and language therapy in Ireland for many reasons. One of the the most important events for us has been the staging of a major international conference on Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Speech & Language Pathology in Trinity College. This was co-sponsored by the College of Speech & Language Therapists and was presented as part of the celebrations for four hundred years of Trinity College. We were privileged to welcome 250 people working in the area of communication disorders throughout the world, spreading the news about advances in the science of intervention. The papers in this edition of the Journal were among those first presented at the conference, having since gone through the peer-reviewing/revising process.*

*A second milestone for the profession was the recognition given the profession by the Minister for Health, Dr. O'Connell. At his instigation, student intake on the course has been substantially increased and the support offered by the Department of Health has been the most encouraging development for the Irish professional organisation, the I.A.S.L.T., in many years.*

*It is now only twenty years since the first graduates of the Dublin College of Speech Therapy emerged to take their place in the Health Services here. Since then, almost 300 graduates have spread their influence and expertise into many countries, in all the continents around the globe. We are proud of the good work being done by our graduates and by our colleagues worldwide, exemplified by the high standard of the Conference presentations.*

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