

Editors' note

Volume 4 of the Journal of Clinical Speech and Language Studies marks important changes. This volume coincides with the 25th anniversary of the education of Speech and Language Therapists in Ireland. To mark the occasion, a paper looking back over the 25 years has been commissioned from Sr. Marie de Montfort, who has directed education throughout that period.

This year also marks a change in headship of the School of Clinical Speech and Language Studies. As of the 1st September, 1994, Margaret Leahy is the newly appointed Head of the School. As Editor of the Journal, Margaret has created and nurtured the first Irish practitioner-based research journal, drawing on her expertise and experience to ensure a high quality publication. For this she is owed a great debt of gratitude. She has now handed over the daunting task of editorship to us. We hope we can live up to the high standards she has set.

You may note that there are two papers in the Discussion Papers section. We would encourage readers to respond to the issues raised in these papers, and to submit papers to this forum in the future.

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A note of thanks

Seeing the Journal of Clinical Speech and Language Studies developing from an uncertain infancy so that it could eventually stand up and walk away from me, gives me a sense of satisfaction and a certain pride. Thanks is due to all those who have supported this effort; members of the Editorial Board, staff of SCCLS, the IASLT and those authors and book reviewers who have contributed to the journal. There is great scope for more practitioner-based research to be taken on in these islands and the journal editors will be happy to encourage you to submit papers to them. A special word of thanks to Noreen Coyle without whom each *final copy* would have been an impossible dream.

M.L.