



## Editorial

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Starting a scientific journal is an enormous enterprise. The timing of its first issue is always a matter of debate. We took that step in 1994.

The journal's first editorial staff made a great effort to establish a good scientific standard for the articles, which are relevant to occupational therapists and published within both the clinical and scientific areas. The journal is also relevant to other professions within the rehabilitation field. Today we have quite a different supply of material. We want to transform the backlog we are still wrestling with. This radical decision means that Volume 4 will be published in one issue, 1-4 1997. It is logical to do it now. We know now that material is already available for all four issues for 1998. It seems right for everyone concerned. People wanting to have articles published do not have to wait too long for a response about possible publication. Potential subscribers know that there will be four issues of the publication.

Readers never need to wonder whether they have missed issues. It also feels more satisfactory for the Stiftelsen Institution and the journal's Editor-in-Chief that the publication catches up.

Our choice lies between lagging behind a year until the year 2000 or catching up now. We have chosen the latter. We hope that everyone sees this as the right thing to do. Our next step is to get SJOT indexed in the major databases. We are sure that cannot be far away.

Even though SJOT is based in Scandinavia, it is and should be an international journal. In addition to papers from Scandinavia, over the years we have had

the pleasure of publishing articles from the Netherlands, New Zealand, the UK and the USA, and also, in this issue, from Australia. Reviewers too are drawn from a wide range of countries.

Volume 5 will be characterised by two themes of central importance for occupational therapy. One of the themes is "Movement science". Dr Catherine Trombly is guest editor of this special issue, which will include extremely interesting papers. The other special issue is edited by Dr Betty Hasselkus, and covers various studies using qualitative methods. It is a great honour for the journal to have such distinguished editors. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Trombly and Dr Hasselkus warmly for their contributions to these themed issues. We would also like to thank all the authors warmly for the exciting papers. The various articles show the breadth of occupational therapy practice as well as research. It is our conviction that with this approach the journal will also come to enjoy a wider international circulation.

SJOT's aim is to maintain good scientific standards, so the reviewers' contributions are of vital importance. Being a reviewer is an anonymous and demanding task. We deeply appreciate the work of them all. Finally, we would like to thank all who have contributed to the journal: the authors, the editors, the editorial board and last, but not least, the readers. We look to the future with confidence.

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