

"Tis the season to be jolly", or so we anticipate some two months earlier, in fact before Election Day. There is some merit in casting up accounts at the beginning of a New Year, particularly if the balance is positive. There have been many exciting moments in Nuclear Medicine, enough to distract the most assiduous from their self-appointed tasks, but this is not reflected in the tabulation of published communications for the past two years. The overall increase is 23%, with a somewhat greater increase in regular articles and letters among the numerically more important categories. This may be a somewhat arbitrary classification, as may also be the roughly even division between the "clinical" and "basic" categories. Two factors in particular have had a bearing, the increase in editorial pages authorized by the Board of Trustees last June and the continuing good efforts of contributors, reviewers, and editorial staff to publish perhaps not all, but almost all, the Nuclear Medicine news that's "fit to print".

One of our more venerable sister publications, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, has provided a working definition of "original" that we will hope to adhere to, i.e. "not published or submitted elsewhere except in abstract form or in news articles". The *Style Manual for Authors* which the Society will furnish for one dollar U. S. is strongly recommended for all who aspire to the earlier publication possible when a minimum of technical editing is required, particularly in the references. We may still attain the four months' publication time for accepted manuscripts hopefully advanced one year ago.

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COMMUNICATIONS PUBLISHED IN 1971 AND 1972																
	Articles				Concise Communications				Preliminary Notes			Case Reports		Letters		Total
	Original	Revised	Clinical	Basic	Original	Revised	Clinical	Basic	Original	Clinical	Basic	Original	Revised	Clinical	Basic	
1971	9	65	40	34	15	28	17	26	3	2	1	16	8	16	18	178
1972	10	84	50	34	15	21	18	18	2	3	7	14	15	21	29	219