

Of Special Note

This first issue of the new volume of *The Journal of Nuclear Medicine* contains a new, revised "Information for Authors," reflecting a number of changes that have taken place in the requirements for manuscript preparation and style, and moving the Journal toward internationally accepted standards. Adherence to these guidelines in the preparation of all manuscripts will expedite the review process and, we hope, subsequent publication.

This past year, I expanded the roster of reviewers in an effort to broaden this critical base in the selection process. I believe this has resulted in more thorough and rapid reviews. The names of those who participated in the review process during 1987 are listed at the conclusion of this editorial. The Society owes a debt of gratitude to these important contributors, who add so much to our Journal's quality and appeal. The best of this list will receive invitations to review during 1988. I invite any reader not receiving an invitation but who is interested in participating in the review of manuscripts to write to me of their interest. I welcome the opportunity to add new reviewers who are able to give the time and effort necessary to perform quality reviews expeditiously.

I also introduced a new system in the past year, in which the Editorial Board referees manuscripts that have undergone major revision in response to initial reviews. I believe this has been successful in creating a unique and important role for the Editorial Board, and in improving the quality of manuscripts ultimately accepted for publication. I will continue this policy during the coming year with the 1988 Editorial Board, whose names are listed on the masthead.

Conscientious peer review and considered editorial decision-making are critical to journal publication. We continue to look for ways to improve the selection process and the presentation of information to the readers of the Journal. In the future, as in the past, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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