It is an honour for me to welcome the reader to the new Medi-Scope; new in its editorial board, new in its format and new in its content.

The present editorial board took office late in 1987 when the previous editor, Dr. Mark Bugeja, and secretary, Dr. Ronnie Borg, resigned for personal reasons. In this past year of office the board has given the magazine its first facelift since it was founded in 1983, and decided that Medi-Scope should be distributed free of charge to all medical students and practitioners in Malta. This step involved doubling the number of copies printed, with large increases in printing costs.

All this effort was directed towards a single goal, to rekindle interest in the journal and urge more specialists, general practitioners and, especially, medical students to write original articles for this medical journal. With this in mind, our guidelines for authors have been printed in this issue to aid the prospective contributor. With this appeal I conclude my first editor's letter.

The Editor
14th April 1989

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