A Note from the Editors and Publishers

In the course of the last few years, the editors have been pleased to record a satisfactory increase in both the number and quality of manuscripts submitted for publication. At the same time, however, the fixed subscription rates have also meant a strictly limited number of pages available for publication. This limited space has carried the consequence that an ever greater percentage of manuscripts has had to be rejected, even though this number included papers which, by virtue of their quality, doubtless deserved publication in Acta Haematologica. During the first 9 months of 1982, the editors have received a total of 178 manuscripts. Of these, 58 could be accepted for publication. 38 manuscripts are still being processed. To be certain that each of these manuscripts is selected on the basis of accurate evaluation, the editors rely on the support of a large number of referees, who, in generous fashion, evaluate the manuscripts. On this occasion, the editors would like to express their deep appreciation for the work of these experts, whose names are listed on the following page. The referees as well as the editors take great pains to assess the manuscripts as quickly as possible, although occasional delays cannot be avoided. Authors are therefore requested to be tolerant.

The interval between the receipt of a manuscript and its publication is an especially critical issue for the continuing health and vitality of Acta Haematologica. To keep this interval to a minimum and, furthermore, to prevent the unfair rejection of highly valuable work, the publisher has agreed to increase the amount of space available for 1983 by extending the number of issues to a total of 6 per volume. In an effort to keep the corresponding increase in subscription rates to a minimum, the publisher and editors have decided to levy page charges on all manuscripts published in the future.

As from 1983, authors will be charged SFr. 95.-/US$ 50.00 per printed page (1 printed page is equal to approximately 2 manuscript pages) for the first 6 pages, including tables, illustrations and references. Charges for each additional page will remain at SFr. 185.-/US$ 100.00. This adjustment in page charges has enabled the publisher to lower the base price of issues for 1983, a strategy which reduces the price increase per volume. The subscription rates for 1983 have been fixed at SFr. 268.-/DM 335.-/US$ 145.00 per volume.

These changes comply with the wish expressed by editors, authors and readers to create room for a larger amount of high-quality work. We count on the understanding of all concerned.

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