

EDITORIAL

Our hearty congratulations go to Jackie Lord who has been appointed as Head of Library and Information Services at the Royal College of Nursing from July.

This year has seen the launch of two important nursing data bases on the Internet which are *British Nursing Index* and *Cochrane Library Online* and this issue includes further information and comment. The *BNi* on lists articles in the nursing journals and has the new interface using Winspirc and is released by Optology Ltd. The *Cochrane Library Online* released by Update Software. It lists research papers on clinical trials in the Medical press and also has original reviews which are not available on Medline and thus is an increasingly important source of information on evidence based practice.

This issue also includes an article by Rod Ward about his Nursing Website – Nursing and Health Care Resources on the Net. This is well worth visiting and is a well presented British gateway to a large number of Websites useful to nurses. It is a good starting point for beginners to the www.

This issue includes a summary of a survey librarians' attitudes by Jane Farmer and Amanda Richardson. It is horrifying to find the over half the respondents would not be willing to go to departments to speak because of lack of time or skill. This is totally unprofessional. Learn the skills. Make the time.

LfN is keen to encourage research by librarians and the Group offers a grant of £500 to support suitable research. We enclose an application form but it would be helpful if you could enlarge it up to A4. Completed forms should be sent to Rebecca Davies and her address is on the form. The successful applicant would be expected to write a paper for *LfN Bulletin*.

The Editors