

EDITORIAL

The first thing we must do is apologise for the delay in the publication of this issue of the *Bulletin*, which, as you can see, we have now made into a double issue. One problem of maintaining a schedule is having enough material to publish. Your contributions will always be gratefully received.

As most of you may know, Tony Shepherd has left the nursing sector for fresh challenges. He was a keen advocate for library provision for nurses and was instrumental in setting up a project on qualified nurses' access to libraries and the need for more provision. We have in this issue both a 'Farewell' from Tony to LfN and a 'Thankyou for all you've done' from LfN to Tony. The *Bulletin* is looking forward to publishing an article on the wit and wisdom of an ex-RCN librarian.

Tony's departure and Pam Bailey's decision to retire from the post of Secretary, after 5 years sterling work, have led to some changes in the composition of the Committee which you will find listed on pages 26-27. Jim Moore, our new Secretary, has been introduced to the arcane ways of Minute taking which you will notice he has totally ignored in his summary of the last meeting.

Summer saw the launch of the British Nursing Index on CD-ROM and via Internet and we include a report on the first 6 months. Our cover photo was taken at the BNI launch at the RCN and shows various RCN and Bournemouth University types smiling cheerfully because the live demo had worked. We also include a review of another new nursing database - the ENB CD-ROM.

Access to information via the Internet is also considered in this issue. Amanda Richardson's report on access to the internet for nurses in the Highlands of Scotland was discussed here last issue and is now available. We've also included a range of useful internet addresses. The Committee is now considering what the Group can do to promote the Internet to nurses. If you have ideas, please contact a member of the Committee.

The Editors