EDITORIAL

Welcome to OTJR

A new journal, The Occupational Therapy Journal of Research (OTJR), published by the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF), in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Association, appeared recently on my desk. It gives me an immense satisfaction to extend a most cordial welcome to it.

The first issue, primarily a compilation of papers presented at the AOTF-sponsored annual Research Forum, is scholarly and has taste. This is a tribute to Charles Christiansen, its Editor, and to Wilma West, President of the AOTF, since journals always reflect the personalities either of some individuals or of a group.

The presence of another journal in the field is a milestone. For most of the profession's 60+ years, AJOT (and its predecessor Occupational Therapy and Rehabilitation) has been the only outlet in the United States for articles on occupational therapy. The number of issues in a volume year has been expanded gradually during this period to keep pace with the number of manuscripts submitted. The manuscripts submitted to AJOT in 1975, the first year of my editorship, numbered 106; in 1980 they numbered 161. Of this number, only 50 to 60 articles can be published in a 12-issue year. Simple calculation indicates that authors of manuscripts not accepted must consider other publication sources. If the author's topic is primarily of interest to an occupational therapy readership, then the author's publication avenues are restricted. With the presence of two journals dealing solely with articles pertaining to occupational therapy, the opportunities for occupational therapists to publish are greater than ever before. This trend is welcome. We are a profession coming of age. As we mature, we have more who are knowledgeable and have more to say.

That the OTJR has decidedly research objectives and color will not change the objectives of the AJOT. These objectives remain:

1. To serve as the official publication of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.
2. To provide a permanent record of the official position papers, business transactions, and governing bylaws of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.
3. To document the growth, development, and research of occupational therapy and to provide an archive for its growing body of knowledge, theory, and practice.
4. To document the evolution of techniques, content, and philosophy of basic, graduate, and continuing education in occupational therapy and to contribute to the educational process of occupational therapists.
5. To acquaint occupational therapists and others with the viewpoints, trends, and practices of health care and health maintenance, and to indicate the implications for occupational therapy.

We welcome the new journal and wish it success—that it may become a rich source of inspiration.

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