

Editorial

As we begin our second year published by Cambridge University Press, it is clear that this has been a tremendous development. The extra space has been put to good use, and feedback on the new format has been extremely positive. In 1999 we will work with the Press to develop parallel electronic/web based publication of the journal. More details of that soon.

The first Leading Article we published certainly met the criteria previously set (Salkovskis, 1998). These articles were intended to include controversial issues, and as you will see from the first three articles in this issue controversy was indeed stirred. A response to the original article was received, and in turn replied to. Dave Richards kindly agreed to round off the discussion, *which is now closed as far as this journal is concerned*. Now the issues have been aired, I believe that it is time to move to the next step, which is the collection of pertinent data.

It is worth noting that leading articles are, by definition, likely to be controversial from time to time. I was surprised, prior to the publication of Rosen, Lohr, McNally and Herbert (1998), to receive a request for "the right of reply". I wish to make it clear that this journal recognizes no right of reply, just the right to submit and to be peer reviewed. This process has led to an excellent discussion in the present issue of the journal, which seems to me to have generated little heat but considerable light. I do not anticipate (nor wish) that more than a small proportion of Leading Articles will generate lengthy discussions of the type seen in the present issue. The alternative to submitting articles is to write a letter to the editor; again, please note that these are peer reviewed.

On the subject of reviewers, the April 1999 issue will carry an acknowledgement and full list of all referees who have recently helped with papers.

Finally, I am pleased to be able to confirm to you all that the journal is once again being listed in Psychlit, and that the issues that were not listed are being retrospectively dealt with.

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