

rudiments of sports medicine. The annual BASM/FIMS course is not enough, nor is the annual meeting of the Chartered Physiotherapists in Sports Medicine; these are only pilot schemes, enjoyable and instructive as they undoubtedly are. We need much more effort, not just for national events, but also for local organisation. In this issue there is a letter from Dr. J. W. Walker, trying to enlist support for a new area in Berkshire and surrounding counties. A meeting has been arranged in Leeds for September 25th, during which it is hoped to constitute a Yorkshire Area of B.A.S.M. The two mainstays of the Lancashire area have departed to professorial appointments; John Brooke at Guelph University, Canada, and Harry Thomason to the Foundation Chair of Physical Education at Loughborough University. Both were lecturers in physical education at Salford University, and their departure has left Don Masterson, who has done so much for BASM in Lancashire, unsupported until he can rebuild his team, both for the work in his department, and for BASM. We are pleased to note that two of our members, John White and Bruce Davies, have been appointed, so there should be continuity of the work in the human performance laboratory in Salford.

A group of physical educationists with post-diploma qualifications in physiology, together with some physiologists, are in the process of forming an Association of Sports Scientists. We wish them every success, and hope to see a more extensive organisation of human performance laboratories to serve sport. How they will be financed is not known; at present, largely through the research grants of the individuals working in them. It is hoped that enough interested doctors will be available to assist in the clinical assessment in such institutions, and not only to give qualified cover and to "carry the can" if anything goes wrong. It is also hoped that the many BASM members in this group will keep in close touch with the clinical members, and prevent more fragmentation of various groups of people, working towards the same aim, but in ignorance of the results of work of each other. Publication of results of research to a small group working in the same field can be of great value, especially in the form of colloquia or seminars, where detailed techniques, pitfalls, failures, and early experimental work can be discussed freely with colleagues, but the end results must be fed to a wider readership, where they can be applied to those coaching or otherwise caring for the athlete.

In this issue of the Journal, most of the papers are on applied physiology. Some more papers are being refereed by the Editorial Board, and may be published in a later number. We still need a regular inflow of manuscripts, in clinical fields as well as physiological, as short case reports or preliminary reports of pilot work as well as fully documented original articles. Reports and proceedings of meetings are needed, and it is hoped that more will be forthcoming as we can organise area meetings, and have the benefit of communications from others apart from our regular contributors.

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