EDITORIAL

Much of this issue is devoted to the clinical and physiological changes resulting from long-endurance events — marathon running, very long distance running (2,000 miles from Peking to Hong Kong) and cross-country skiing. Also included are case reports on a windsurfing injury, a mishap following arthroscopy, iliopsoas injuries — often not recognised, and a survey into soccer injuries in the young. We have received a very outspoken article — a challenge to our readers, and especially our members in the UK to try to improve sports medicine and fitness assessment by more aggressive action — at local and central Government levels. The author, Mr. R. C. Copeman, mentions the increasing technical and mechanical expertise now available and our failure to make use of it. He also emphasises the large gap between scientific investigation and the practical application of the results into the coaching and fitness assessment of the sportsman. We hope this challenge from outside our Association will provoke not only thought but ACTION!

One result of a journal getting better known is the influx of notices, press releases and other reports that come in. Some of the press releases are of considerable length — ten pages or more of typescript. Précis of these have been made towards the end of the editorial and elsewhere where there is space, and addresses given for those who wish to make enquiries.

There is a report from Dr. Jean Robertson, Hon. Sec. of the British Medical Tennis Association, but we lack any reports from any of our members about participation in other events for doctors and those in associated professions. Surely some took part in marathons, medical games in France and similar events? Another report, from Dr. R. W. Green, gives a personal account of the very well attended and stimulating conference of the American College of Sports Medicine — 2,000 attending, nearly a quarter of the total membership, many with long distances to travel. An excellent example for members of this Association.

We do, however, look to our members for support at the Strathallan Thistle Hotel, Birmingham, for our own residential weekend meeting at the beginning of November. Details of preliminary arrangements appear later in this journal. The Annual General Meeting of the Association will also take place during this weekend, on Sunday, November 3rd, following the first Porritt Lecture to be given by Mr. Michael Allen, FRCS, Consultant in the Accident and Emergency Department, Leicester Royal Infirmary.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR:

Dr. Clyde Williams

It is with great regret that I have received Dr. Clyde Williams' notice of his intended resignation from the post of Associate Editor, owing to his increasing work load in his job, and his recent appointment as Honorary Secretary of the Nutrition Society. He feels unable to do full justice to his commitment to this journal as well, though he will continue to complete the editing of those manuscripts which are already his respons-

ibility. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my deep appreciation for all the help he has given during the past two years, undertaking the heavy load imposed by the large number of papers we have received on exercise physiology investigations from all over the world during this time. On two occasions, when my coronary arteries have let me down, in the Spring of 1984 and Summer of 1985 he has had to take responsibility for the final production of journals at very short notice. His meticulous editing, detailed correspondence with authors to rectify unclear points, and his most detailed expertise in his field have been of the greatest value to the journal. I hope we shall still be able to seek his help as a referee, and as adviser to his successor.

Dr. Adrienne Hardman

We have been fortunate in the offer from one of Clyde's colleagues, Dr. Adrienne Hardman, PhD, to take over his editorial responsibilities in stages. Mrs. Hardman trained at the I. M. Marsh College, Liverpool, was a lecturer in the Physical Education Department of the then Padgate Training College, Cheshire, taking her MSc at Salford University. Subsequently she joined Dr. John Kane at the West London Institute of Higher Education. She came to Loughborough University seven years ago to work in the Sports Science Laboratory with Dr. Clyde Williams in Prof. Harry Thomason's department, devoting much of her research to ergometry, and gained the PhD in 1984. During the past two years she has played her part in helping Clyde with refereeing papers, and has contributed articles to this journal. She joined BASM in 1973, and has given us a good deal of support from that time.

EDITORIAL BOARD

Dr. P. N. Sperryn

Over a year ago Dr. Peter Sperryn, FRCP, our former Honorary Secretary, was appointed to the Editorial Board, but by mischance his name has not been included in the list of members of the Board printed on the inside front cover. We offer our sincere apologies for this oversight.

H. E. Robson