EDITORIAL

In this issue of the British Journal of Sports Medicine, due to be published before the World Congress in Sports Medicine, we hope to welcome many new readers from the United Kingdom and from overseas. It is therefore appropriate that nearly all the original articles in this issue come from outside England. First we give the full text of the Adolphe Abrahams Memorial Lecture, given in Edinburgh on July 19th is reproduced, but the written text leaves much of the drive and authority of this talk, given by Prof. Carstairs an outstanding psychiatrist who was also an outstanding athlete.

Next we have a report of bio-chemical and histological investigations into some of the frequent but little understood chronic minor injuries sustained in Sport. This is one of the first proper scientific studies of these injuries to be published in English, and is we think the first article to be submitted to this Journal from Eastern Europe. Any imperfections can only be blamed upon your Editor, who had to rephrase many parts of the article, but he like most British doctors could not even have started to write a single sentence in Roumanian.

We also include the proceedings of a meeting held at Inverclyde, the Scottish Council of Physical Recreation Centre, dealing with anticipated problems likely to be encountered at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. We shall have to look back, once reports on Medical aspects of the Games are available to see how correct there anticipations were. Members of the Scottish Area B.A.S.M. played a major role in the Medical staffing of the Commonwealth Games, whilst other BASM members were working in the background, with dope-testing and other routine work. Several members who came North for the Annual General Meeting were privileged to see the sites of the various events, and to get a much clearer picture of the medical hazards that such vast organisation of sport must produce.

At the A.G.M. on July 19th reports were given by the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Scottish Area. The item of business that involves all our members is the regretable necessity of raising the subscriptions, as stated in the Treasurer's report. It was felt by all members at the meeting that the recommended increases were preferable to a reduction of B.A.S.M's activities.