

every reader of the *Journal* has become increasingly expensive. While it is still the *Journal's* intention to continue these series—and indeed, *Prescribing in General Practice* was distributed as a supplement only last month—nevertheless, there seems to be a need for another series which can be produced more cheaply and may be bought on application by those who are interested in a particular topic.

For this reason the Occasional Paper series has been introduced and the first two have now been published. The first is the new *International Classification of Health Problems in Primary Care*, designed by a working party of the World Organization of General Practice (WONCA), and approved by WONCA for use all over the world.

This Occasional Paper includes not only the classification itself but an article by Professor Bentsen and a report by the working party of its experiences in designing the classification.

The second Occasional Paper is the report by E. V. Kuenssberg, the new President of the College, on his experience as Wolfson Visiting Professor visiting a great many countries, both in Europe and North America. This report surveys both the organization and the educational developments in these countries and compares them with current developments in the UK. Published under the title *Opportunity to Learn*, Occasional Paper Number 2 is also now available.

These two Occasional Papers can be obtained direct from the headquarters of the Royal College of General Practitioners, at 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU, at a cost of £2.25 each, post free.

New arrangements for the Journal

The *Journal* appears today in a new form, thus making the fourth major change in its format since the first Research Newsletter was produced in 1954.

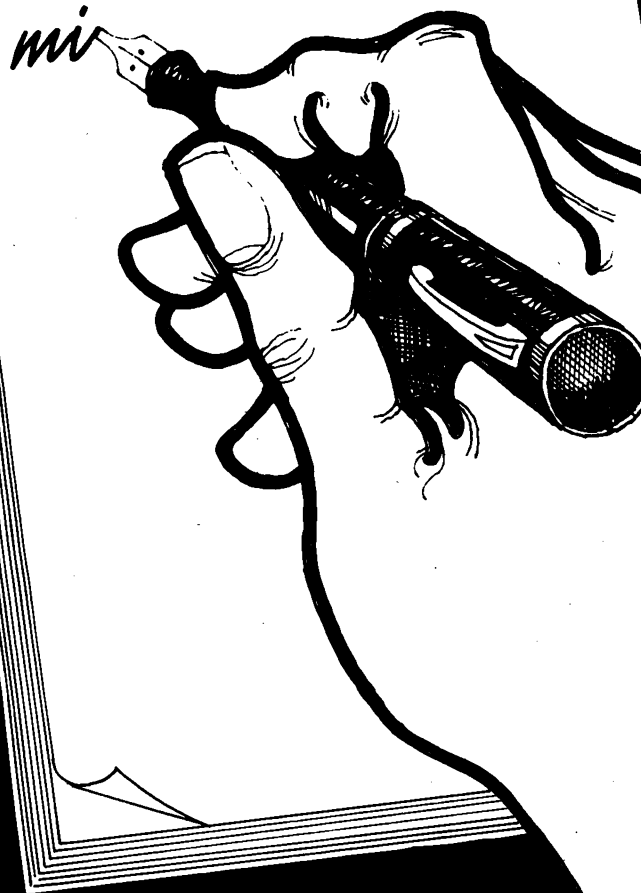
By changing to A4 size—the first change since 1969—and incorporating many other design features, we are trying to give the *Journal* a new, modern look and make it easier to read.

This issue is the first to be published by Update Publications Limited, who are well known for their other medical and dental journals, especially *Update*, which is itself designed for general practitioners.

We welcome this new publishing arrangement and invite comments on the new form of the *Journal* from our readers.

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