

## Editorial

As new editor of the *Journal of the Academy of Rehabilitative Audiology* I would like to acquaint you with some new sections. To facilitate our efforts to remain current with the vast array of information a rehabilitative audiologist may draw from, a summary of pertinent guidelines, position papers, and technical reports is provided and will be updated as a regular feature. In addition, a section on patient perspectives has been added. We often encounter a unique patient who has provided feedback to us that influenced how we provide service. Sharing these perspectives with our colleagues is an important contribution to our continuing education. In order to distribute information from the Summer Institute with the membership, the 1998 program has been included. This will allow those who were unable to attend to realize the quality of the Institute and contact presenters directly if more information is desired. These new sections complement the Contributed Papers in aural rehabilitation to expand the usefulness of our unique journal. Because ARA is committed to encouraging students to participate in all aspects of the organization, another change has been the addition of a student assistant, Paul Dybala. I am very appreciative of his editorial assistance throughout this year.

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