COMMUNICATIONS
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The “New” Journal

This is the first issue of Volume 5 for 1989 and the first for our paid subscribers. Several new features have been added that we hope will enhance the value of the journal. They include a heavier cover that will provide suitable space for advertising and a more durable product, and the first of a series of review articles on the blood groups.

Advertising itself is new. Inquiries concerning advertising should be directed to Tony Ginther (301) 738-0528 or Mary McGinniss (301) 738-0530.

The number of paid subscribers has not yet reached our projected goal. Please remind your colleagues and co-workers to subscribe now to obtain all four 1989 issues.

In this issue are two excellent reviews on low-incidence red cell antigens and the Chido/Rodgers blood group system. In next issues, we plan an update on the Duffy and Kidd blood group systems and high-titer, low-avidity (HTLA) antibodies and antigens.

Delores Mallory
Editor-in-Chief

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SBB PROGRAM. The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and Medical Center Hospital is accepting applications for the September 1989 class. Direct inquiries to Robert Heinz, MT(ASCP) H SBB, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Department of Pathology, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, TX 78284-7750, or call (512) 567-4115.

CONFERENCE. The 3rd Joint AABB-ARC Reference Laboratory Conference will be held at the Xerox Learning Center in Leesburg, VA, beginning Friday evening, April 14, 1989, and concluding Sunday, the 16th at noon. Information concerning the conference can be obtained by contacting Debbie Newman at (703) 528-8200.

SYMPOSIUM. The 16th annual Symposium and Workshops on Current Topics in Blood Banking, sponsored by the University of Michigan Medical School and the Department of Pathology, will be held May 31–June 2, 1989, at the Towsley Center, Ann Arbor, MI. The symposium continues the objective of providing participants with practices, laboratory management issues, and controversies in blood group serology and transfusion. The course directors are W. John Judd, FIMLS,MIBiol, and Dianna McCoy-Pardington, MT(ASCP)SBB. Twelve credit hours in Category I of the Physicians Recognition Award of the American Medical Association can be earned by completion of the course. Contact: Gayle Fox, Office of Continuing Medical Education, Towsley Center, Box 0201, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0201, or call (313) 763-1400.

SCIENTIFIC MEETING. The seventh annual meeting of the British Blood Transfusion Society will be held at Hatfield College, Durham, from the 19th to the 22nd of September 1989. An extensive scientific program and a comprehensive social program, including golf and trout fishing competitions, has been arranged. Any queries about this meeting should be addressed to: Miss Lynne Trattles, Blood Transfusion Laboratory, General Hospital, Middlesborough, Cleveland TS5 5AZ, England.

SCIENTIFIC MEETING. The 12th annual Mid-Atlantic Association of Blood Banks (MAABB) meeting will be held at the McLean Hilton, McLean, VA from May 18–20, 1989. For further information, please contact Francis I. Scott, Chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee at (703) 558-6434.