

Preface



Dr. Gigi Santow and I were the founding editors of the *Health Transition Review* and remained its sole editors until we were joined by Dr. Shail Jain for Volume 5, No. 2. By that time Gigi and her husband, Dr. Michael Bracher, had left the Australian National University to join the Demography Unit of the University of Stockholm, Sweden. We had at first believed that electronic editing would be possible, but found that the communications revolution has not wholly conquered the problem of physical distance. Gigi has reluctantly stepped down from the editorship. We will miss her. She is a first-rate academic journal editor, and had previously edited the *Journal of the Australian Population Association* with distinction. Much of the success of the *Health Transition Review* can be credited to her.

After the publication of Volume 5, No. 2, Jo Healy-North left our production team for a period in North America, and Nikki Braybrook joined Wendy Cosford in very efficiently getting out *HTR*, Vol. 6, No. 1, and Supplements to Vols. 5 and 6. As 6(1) goes to press, Nikki leaves and Wendy is joined by Jeff Marck, who will be in charge of production, and Sandi Goddard.

So, like health, the *Health Transition Review* is in transition.

This issue is special in that it contains an unusually large Forum devoted to the aftermath of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 1994 and to its *Plan of Action*. This is justified because of the significance of the conference for the health field. Indeed we anticipate returning to the matter in the next issue (see page 123).

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