

*Dear Readers,*

At the turn of the new millennium, changes take place. It is with sadness that we now need to accept the fact that the present issue of the *ICAME Journal* is the last one printed by the HIT Centre. On the bright side, however, is the news that the Centre is still willing to contribute to an electronic version of the journal or to some other aspect of the publication process.

The *ICAME Journal* (and its predecessor *ICAME News*) has been characterized by the relentless efforts of the ICAME group, and indeed of every serious corpus linguist, to take yet another step forward in the field, even when an apparently insurmountable obstacle has risen to block the way. 'Over the hurdle, up to the top', has been the motto. An overview of the history of the *ICAME Journal*, the HIT Centre and the ICAME activities is given in the notice by Jianxin Wang in the present issue (pp 151–154).

We take the opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to those at the HIT Centre who have worked on various aspects of the publication process. Above all, we are truly grateful to Anne Lindebjerg, who has so skilfully and with unfailing patience converted our manuscript material into printed form over the years. We are also indebted to Knut Hofland for his help in financial and other practical matters.

While working on our future plans, we welcome all ideas and suggestions from our Readers.

*Yours truly,*

*The Editors*

