From the Future Editor-in-Chief

The new Millennium has seen the Journal go from strength to strength, and I'd like to pay tribute to Fran Reader, who has worked so hard to bring it where it is today. It has changed its name, from the *British Journal of Family Planning*, to the *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*, in order to reflect a wider scope and readership. It is included on MEDLINE and has a circulation in excess of 11 000 a year. Fran has developed an editorial team, moved the Journal to a commercial publisher and into electronic publication.

There are several areas that I see as being important for the further evolution of the Journal. My major task in the long term is to acquire a citation index for the Journal. Journals with a high 'impact factor' (e.g. *New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet*) are those to which researchers choose to send their best papers. I want our Journal to be up there.

However, I am also conscious that there is a continual conflict between academia and the 'real world'. I hope that we can publish papers and articles that, while academically excellent, will still be relevant to the everyday clinic setting.

I would like to encourage a greater exchange of ideas internationally. The growth of our 'electronic' Journal will facilitate a wider readership and I hope will result in more submissions from outside the UK. I am also interested in the views of our clients and allied health professionals. I hope we can provide a forum for discussion that will allow us to gain insights into each other's views and experiences, and enhance safe and effective contraceptive and reproductive health practices.

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