

Editorial Note

During the past two years the number of high quality papers received for publication in *Cognitive Science* has increased substantially. The refereeing process has been modified and we now solicit more than twice as many outside reviews as we did in previous years. In the long term, these changes serve to improve the journal. An immediate effect, however, was a sharp increase in the amount of time from submission to publication.

At the beginning of 1988 we took two steps to solve the problem of these long delays. First, we instituted tighter controls over manuscript handling and review procedures to insure that submitted papers would not languish on reviewers' desks. During the past 18 months this has resulted in nearly a 50% reduction in average evaluation time. Second,—through the good graces of our publisher, Mr. Walter Johnson—we have increased the number of pages per volume by 20%, thus allowing us to clear the backlog of accepted papers.

The time from submission to publication, which in some cases had been as high as three years, has now dropped to *slightly less than one year*. With the continued cooperation of our Editorial Board, our external reviewers, and the production staff at Ablex, we shall endeavor to maintain this publication timetable while we seek additional ways to improve the quality of the journal. We welcome any suggestions you may have in this regard.

The Editors