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Editorial

Several changes occurred in the personnel responsible for various functions with the Australian Association for the Study of Religions. After several years, and substantial reorganisation of the finances of the AASR, David Burgess resigned as treasurer. His place has been taken by Graham English. I took on responsibility as publications editor from Majella Franzmann. Also, in 2001, John Limbourn took up the responsibility for the secretarial work of the Association. And Kath McPhillips joined myself in responsibility for producing the AASR Review.

For many years, 'Tricia Blombery has received articles, sent them for review, negotiated with authors, and prepared the articles for publication. My major responsibility was in the desktop publishing, organising proof reading, and in sending the journal to the members. I would like to pay tribute to 'Tricia's diligence in her contribution to the production process. When she resigned as editor in September 1999, there were sufficient articles in the pipeline for the next edition of the journal in Autumn 2000. However, when Kath McPhillip's came to my assistance in July 2000, the pipeline of articles was almost empty. A lot of work was needed to gather articles, send them to reviewers, encourage authors to make recommended changes and to prepare them for the journal. This has taken longer than Kath or I anticipated. The problem has been exacerbated by the fact that I have been more than fully engaged, partly in the final production of a CD-Rom on Australia's Religious Communities, a task which has been rather like completing 20 books at once. Thus, this journal is very late. We do apologise and assure you that follow issues will be on time.

Indeed, the next edition of the journal, focussing on new religious movements, is nearing completion and we expect to have it to you late in April.

We thank all the authors who have contributed an interesting variety of materials to this edition. We hope you enjoy it.

Philip Hughes