

# From the editors

This issue illustrates in a nice way the internationalization and interdisciplinary spread of informal logic. **Paul Healy**, **Jonathan Berg** and **Michael Wreen** all work in philosophy departments—informal logic's traditional home turf—but Healy's is in Ireland, Berg's in Israel and Wreen's in the U.S.A. **Sharon Bailin**, a philosopher of education, is based in a faculty of education, and **Marie Secor**, who has written on composition and rhetoric, is in an English department.

While two book reviews is hardly a flood, it is a trickle that we hope presages a steady stream. We are pleased to have the van Eemeren, Grootendorst and Kruiger handbook brought to your attention by **James Freeman's** review, and to have Irving Copi's long-awaited foray into informal logic reviewed by **Wayne Grennan**. There surely are a number of informal logic and critical thinking textbooks deserving serious review, and there's a growing number of monographs that merit public discussion. Now that informal logic is publishing regularly again, we hope you will take up keyboard and printout and send for publication your considered judgements about these books.

Although this journal has been delayed (a delay now over), the scholarly and teaching activity in informal logic and critical thinking has been booming. In 1988 we count at least ten conferences in this and closely related fields: AILACT sessions at the APA regional meetings and at the CPA congress, the first British conference on informal logic and critical thinking, the McMaster conference on teaching, the Newport News critical thinking conference, the biggest ever

Sonoma conference on critical thinking and moral critique, the joint AILACT/ISSA session at the World Congress of Philosophy in Brighton, the Venice argumentation conference and the Montclair State critical thinking conference.

The reason we speak of **informal logic's** being on a regular schedule again is that we have recently been provided by the University of Windsor with the funding to hire an assistant to the editors. We extend a warm welcome to **Hans Hansen**, who is working on a dissertation in ethics at Wayne State University when not toiling in our office and becoming intrigued by informal logic. Since Hans began working for us in August, amazing things have started to happen. A publishing schedule has been set, and if the catch-up proceeds at the present rate (there's no reason why it cannot), we should be up to date by early summer, 1989. Welcome aboard, Hans. Those readers who have been holding back subscriptions or articles for fear that **informal logic** was defunct or would not come out regularly can now be encouraged to renew or submit.

Finally, a note about dating. We shall be catching up on past volumes in order and according to the calendar year and seasons when they should have appeared. Hence, this issue—Vol. IX, No. 1, Winter 1987—is in fact appearing in the early autumn of 1988. It is, thus, not **Michael Scriven's** ability to transcend time that allows his note of September 1988 to appear in this Winter 1987 issue. We hope Scriven's note elicits responses for publication. □