

## EDITORIAL

*The field of speech therapy in South Africa, as elsewhere, is dynamic and one must therefore expect changing ideas, needs and trends.*

*In recent years there has been a growing awareness that we have based the practice of our profession on research studies that have been carried out elsewhere. The time has come for South African therapists to attempt their own research and become more acquainted with the unique conditions that exist in the country in which they work. S. Bauman and M. Aron have in their article indicated the need for research in South Africa. We hope that this contribution will stimulate the initiation of many research projects.*

*M. Marks has brought to our attention another important need in our profession; namely the importance of a closer co-operation between allied professions in the treatment of speech disorders. Her particular emphasis is on the need for a teamwork approach to cleft palate rehabilitation in South Africa.*

*South African therapists have always relied on the knowledge of those who have studied elsewhere. Visitors from overseas and those of us who have travelled, have brought the knowledge that nurtures our profession. A. G. Epstein, having recently visited our country, presents in his article some new and interesting ideas on the testing of articulation disorders.*

*In this issue we have therefore attempted to indicate some of the most urgent needs of speech therapy in South Africa as well as presenting some new ideas. It is our earnest hope that further interest in these fields will be stimulated.*