

## **From the Editors**

In the last issue, we announced our plans to bring out several thematic issues on an experimental basis. The issue in hand is the first of them. We will be very interested in your comments, which should be emailed to [hpjournal@unc.edu](mailto:hpjournal@unc.edu).

Our last issue, Vol. 2, No. 2 (Winter 1999) was caught in the transition<sup>3/4</sup> moving the editing, printing, mailing and marketing activities from India to the U. S. As a result, its printing and distribution suffered an extraordinary delay. We sincerely regret the inconvenience this may have caused to our subscribers, authors, advertisers and all others. All operations have now been consolidated at Chapel Hill, and we hope to be more efficient and punctual in the future.

The Journal has a new supporter: Carolina Population Center, located here at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A significant proportion of the cost of technical editing will be underwritten by it.

We are receiving an increasing number of requests for exchange/barter subscriptions from organizations, publishers and other journals. We are very interested in such agreements and will consider each overture on its merit.

With this issue, we bid goodbye to three highly valued colleagues: Naish Vashist, our Managing Editor in India, Professor G. R. Rao, Associate Editor, and Medha Rege, our Marketing Manager. Naish, who looked after all aspects of our operation in India, and did so as a labor of love, has found a new love, married him, moved to the U.S. to live with him, and is training to be a computer whiz. Her absolute dedication to the Journal (we are told that she was noticed instructing the printers about the proofs and layout during her wedding ceremony), her high standards, her ability to master all details and her inspiring efforts will be greatly missed. Her departure is our primary reason for winding down our operation in India.

We lost the services of Professor Rao, who did such a commendable job of copy editing, as a result of moving our operation to Chapel Hill. Medha played a critical role in laying a foundation for systematic marketing of the Journal, and we lost her to her other professional priorities. We owe each of them much gratitude.

As we bid farewell to them, we welcome Nalin Johri as Associate Editor, and Neelam Nagle as Marketing Manager. Both of them bring superior credentials, and we look forward to a productive association with them.