

EDITORIAL

Welcome, readers, to the *Australian Journal of Parapsychology*, or the AJPara for short. This journal is published by the Australian Institute of Parapsychological Research (AIPR, Inc.), and takes over from the *Australian Parapsychological Review*, which finished with issue No. 21. (More information about the AIPR can be found at our website [www.aiprinc.org](http://www.aiprinc.org)).

Why another parapsychological journal, some readers may ask. There are several reasons. First of all it seems to some of us that the amount of parapsychological research in the world is increasing, and there thus exists a need for further outlets for that research. And second, though we recognize the desirability of top-flight technical scientific papers in the area, we wish to address as well the intelligent layperson, for whom most of the existing journals do not cater. We will not lower our scientific standards, but we aim to be accessible.

We thank all those people who submitted papers for our first issue. Depending on the amount of submissions received in the future we hope to publish twice a year. If you would like to submit something—a scientific article, an experience or a book review, please by all means do so, sending it to me via e-mail (my address is [psym-tha@psychology.adelaide.edu.au](mailto:psym-tha@psychology.adelaide.edu.au)), or on computer disk in IBM format, or if absolutely necessary, typed neatly on paper, double-spaced. For the format of material, please follow the style as it appears in this issue of the Journal. Your contribution will be refereed, and any comments for improving the manuscript will be relayed to the author. Always remember, however, that the target audience, here in Australia and overseas, is the intelligent layperson.

We look forward to bringing you interesting and exciting articles in the *AJPara*!

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