



# UPDATE IN ANAESTHESIA



*A journal for anaesthetists in developing countries*

## Editorial

Estimating the demand for any publication naturally includes a large element of guesswork. When the potential readership is scattered among the most inaccessible parts of the globe, as in the case of Update in Anaesthesia, this factor becomes almost impossible to quantify.

Now that the first edition has been circulated and initial reactions have been assessed, it is already obvious that our first estimate of 1,000 copies per edition was too low. So many encouraging letters have already been received from anaesthetists in the developing world asking for extra copies that an additional 2,000 copies are now required for each edition. The editors of the journal 'Tropical Doctor' have kindly agreed to circulate copies with their next issue, so that a wider readership can be reached. The Janssen Laboratories have made a generous donation and the Overseas Development Administration of Great Britain have adopted Update as a project. There have been requests for French and Spanish translations, and it is hoped this challenge can be met.

Readers can help to contain distribution costs by ordering in bulk and arranging their own distribution locally, so that as many people as possible can benefit from this publication. Ideally this will be done through the Society of Anaesthetists within the country concerned.

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As editors, we need to know if you would like to receive the journal, to which organisation we can send it in your country and what subjects you would like to see covered. The more criticisms and suggestions received the better the journal will become. Please write to Dr Iain Wilson, Department of Anaesthetics, Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (Wonford), Exeter, EX2 5DW, Great Britain. We look forward to hearing from you!

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