EDITORIAL

Henry Bauer is a very hard act to follow. So hard, that I shall not even try. It will take a team of editors to reproduce what Henry could achieve single-handedly. At my urging, and responding to the entreaties of several other officers, Henry graciously agreed to take on the job of Editor in the year 2000. As I recall, he agreed to take it on for only one year, but we have been able to prevail upon him to serve much longer than that. He has served as editor with energy, efficiency, good judgment, and good nature. I shall miss reading his entertaining and enlightening editorials in each issue of the Journal. Thank you, Henry, for your extraordinary service to the Society. I now look forward to receiving from you articles, essays, and perhaps an occasional Letter to the Editor.

There is no way that I could undertake to serve as editor à la mode de Henry Bauer! I can serve only as the first among equals. I am fortunate that seven capable scholars have agreed to serve as Associate Editors, including SSE Members Stephen Braude, York Dobyns, Bernard Haisch, Roger Nelson, Dean Radin, and Mark Rodeghier. I am particularly grateful that Bernie is willing to serve as Associate Editor, since he brings with him his eleven years of experience (from 1989 to 2000) as Editor-in-Chief. I saw the need for an Associate Editor from the medical profession, and I owe it to Wayne Jonas that he steered me in the direction of John Ives, who has kindly agreed to serve as an Associate Editor.

In order to make the job of Editor-in-Chief manageable to someone who does not have Henry’s abilities and stamina, the editorial duties are being shared among us all. Our policy is that each submission is assigned to an Associate Editor, who retains responsibility for the submission until it is either rejected or accepted. (Thank you all, Associate Editors.) We are all fortunate that David Moncrief has agreed to continue his invaluable service as Book Review Editor. The book review section is a greatly appreciated part of the journal. (Thank you, David.)

Members and Subscribers should know and appreciate that the fine and timely production of this journal is possible due only to the skilled, efficient, and courteous service of the Allen Press staff—in particular of the Managing Editor Joy Richmond and the former Assistant Managing Editor Lindsey Buscher. (Thank you, Joy and Lindsey.)

As you will see, Volume 22, Issue 1, is a very special event. The entire issue is dedicated to the memory of Ian Stevenson, who was a member of the SSE family before there was even a society, and well before it was finally named. Ian was a member of the Founding Committee, which also included our long-time Secretary Laurence Fredrick, our long-time Treasurer and President Charlie Tolbert, and our long-serving Vice President Bob Jahn. The compilation of this issue has been in the hands of Emily Williams Kelly and Carlos S. Alvarado, to whom I am most grateful.

Serving as Editor of JSE is a big responsibility, of which I am keenly aware. It would be hard to improve on what Henry has done. But if you see ways to improve on what I am doing, please let me know.