

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

**Last year, *Small Group Research*** published its first two guest-edited special issues. The first, edited by Joseph E. McGrath, presented a series of articles all dealing with a major longitudinal study of group support systems. The second, edited by Leonard M. Jessup and Joseph S. Valacich, continued our focus on this important new area of research. The present issue demonstrates the continuing value of building up new and growing areas of coverage; three of the six articles deal with group support systems. All three submissions were in some way linked to last year's special issues.

This year we plan to publish two special issues. The first, edited by Judith Nye, deals with social cognition and social interaction. It will appear as the May, 1994 issue. The interest in *Small Group Research* that has been generated by this issue is already yielding submissions for regular issues of the journal. The second, edited by Joann Keyton, deals with research problems and methodology. This is a basic sounding topic that has proven to be more elusive than we had anticipated. The submissions came from a wide range of disciplines and the editor drew on an equally wide range of disciplines for the reviewers. We are confident that the final product will be stimulating and thought provoking for all of us, but the process has reminded us of how difficult it is to work in a truly interdisciplinary field.

Work is already underway for special issues to appear in 1995. Robert Shelly is currently soliciting manuscripts for a special issue on extending theories of interaction. His call for papers appears at the end of this issue. We are also exploring the possibility of a special issue on foreign policy-making groups. In these historic times, such an issue seems particularly important and exciting. We continue to welcome regular submissions. Our intention is to publish one to two guest-edited special issues per year and to rely on those issues to stimulate interest in new and exciting fields of small

group research. The special issues are enriching in and of themselves and continue to enrich our exchange of ideas by stimulating researchers who might not otherwise consider *Small Group Research* as a primary outlet for their work.

We continue to welcome your suggestions for special issue topics and for improving the quality and relevance of the journal.

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