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## EDITORIALS

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### Completion of IJL Related Editorial Series

With the following editorial we complete a planned series (IJL 42:64-68, 326, 446; 43: No. 1) on the history, accomplishments and trials of this JOURNAL since its inception. In addition to making this information available to the membership of the ILA, the purpose has been to make readily available summaries that can be used in presenting the cause of the JOURNAL to organizations from whom financial support has been forthcoming or from whom support may be sought.

The financing of scientific journals has, in general, become a widespread problem in recent years, beginning just about the time that this JOURNAL cut its umbilical cord to the Leonard Wood Memorial and became independently incorporated as the official organ and property of the INTERNATIONAL

LEPROSY ASSOCIATION. Increasing publication costs, worldwide limitations on library subscription funds and restricted funding for research have all played a part. Thus, for example, the sale of reprints no longer brings in revenue but just breaks even with their costs.

Though this JOURNAL is a venture of the ILA, the responsibility for its production and financing falls essentially on a few shoulders. We entertain a somewhat nebulous hope that some member, or members, who may have insight into other potential sources of funding, may find this series of presentations helpful in and stimulative of efforts to tap such sources.

—OLAF K. SKINSNES