

editorial

After some considerable delays, caused by technical problems of an editorial nature, we are up and running again. The theme in this issue is, by and large the same as before, with our journal continuing to bridge the gap between specialists in magnetic separation from Eastern Europe and from the West. The current issue has two welcome contributions from Eastern Europe, and our next issue, currently in preparation has two further contributions from that quarter, one from Czechoslovakia, the other from the U.S.S.R.

Again, in this issue, we return to one of our special features, namely reviewing the activity of the magnetic separation community in a particular country. This time it is the turn of Romania.

However, there is an additional theme in the current issue that may be observed. Academic workers in this field have often received criticism from the magnetic separation community at large that their theories and that their experimental modelling are too idealized to be of real practical value to industry. We are, therefore, pleased to include two excellent papers here, one by Jan Svoboda, the other by Marshall Graham, which, while academic in content, focus on practical difficulties associated with experimental work in this field. This is also a theme we hope to continue.