

*A Special message from BSTS General Secretary Dr. Michael Clift...*

Although the Society greatly values the sizeable proportion of its membership from overseas, the income from these subscriptions is usually sadly reduced by fluctuations in the exchange rate, and the swingeing costs of currency conversion. So wherever possible, may we recommend overseas members to send either sterling, or actual dollar notes?

Encouragingly, recently there have been several renewals from members who forgot to pay last year - showing the merits of a little indulgence carrying such members for at least a limited period. But our costs do continue to rise, so in order to avoid our needing to increase the subscription (last raised back in 1989), all members are urged to look at their membership cards to check if they are up-to-date. The reminder form is sent out always with the December/January issue; and we could not entertain the expense of time and resources to send individual reminder notices. A special effort on everyone's part will help us to keep the subscription at the existing level for as long as possible.

Our special thanks are due to all those who renew promptly year after year, and to the many who regularly pay over the odds for the sheer pleasure of staying with us. Blessings on you all!