## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

One of the most significant events in the history of the Branch will be the holding of the 1990 Conference at Broadbeach. The President and the Secretary attended an Executive Council meeting in May, and presented the submission which we publish in this issue. The Conference will bring to Australia lawyers from many countries with interests in international law; this fact should emphasise to the profession and to the public the role that international law plays, and indeed has the potential for playing, in our world community.

I am sure you would join with me in congratulating our Secretary, Philip Sutherland, and our President, Mr Justice Purvis, in working for and eventually securing the 1990 Conference. This involved a very substantive amount of work, not only in relation to Headquarters, but also in ensuring strong and important local support and assistance. It has been a most significant contribution to our work.

In the meantime, I am pleased to report the appointment of an Editorial Committee. Our funding position has now been regularised and accordingly, the News should now appear at regular intervals, twice yearly. As you will see, the cover of the News is now more substantial and, I hope you will agree, more attractive. We do apologise for the interruption in the series, but it is hoped that with the strength and interest in our Association that the holding of the 1990 Conference in Australia, our readership will expand substantially.

I look forward to your comments and indeed your advice and your assistance in our work.

David Flint Editor.