

# Letter from the Editor

## Infants Grow Faster

The Technologist Section will soon be four years old. During the past few years the growth rate of this once infantile organization for nuclear medicine technologists has been phenomenal, and our organization is now widely recognized. Section membership exceeds 1,200; the number of standing, special, and national committees within the Section is continually increasing, exemplifying ever increasing involvement in many health care areas; the number of large-scale Section meetings has now been expanded to two; and organized activities at the chapter, local, and grassroots levels are rapidly increasing. **BUT ARE WE MATURING? With maturity comes deliberateness, foresight, and purpose. DO WE HAVE THESE ATTRIBUTES?**

In some activities in the past, the Section has demonstrated the jubilation of youth but with only the peripheral attention of a new student to the classics. The time has come for maturation and refinement activities to keep pace with and exceed the growth rate which the Section has experienced to date.

As any infant grows physically, his continued development and maturation are enhanced by in-depth awareness of his surroundings and assumption of responsibilities. Each person who learns his role and is involved in and assumes responsibilities is defined as **MATURE**.

In the past few years, a few people have been spoon-feeding our infantile Section. The time has now come for all of us to participate more extensively and completely in order to receive the necessary nutrition for our continued existence and development. When the few people are replaced with many who assume responsibilities and who are heavily involved, the Section will become more mature and will obtain adult status. **DECIDE NOW HOW YOU WILL ASSIST IN THIS MATURATION PROCESS!**

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