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Editorial

This last issue of Volume 8 will probably be the last in this format as the Editorial Board has commissioned a new layout for the next volume. We feel that we should also show the commitment to change and relevance which all educational and performance technologists should aspire. In this issue we have two keynote papers from the recent ASET conference in Adelaide, and several papers have focused on the theme of open and distance learning. Two papers have been included about the role of information systems in educational administration.

I would like to encourage readers to consider submitting to a special issue planned for 1993 on Multimedia and its role in learning. If you would like to contribute please fax me and give a brief outline of your proposed article or even a disk which might be included in the next issue!

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