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# Editor's note



The world seems to have survived the Y2K threat and the new millennium has arrived. From my vantage point on a balcony looking over bushland on the 31st January, 1999, not one thing seemed any different as the clocked ticked over.

This issue looks at Professional Negligence. No-one reading the newspapers over the last few months could be unaware of the campaign by the medical profession and their insurers, to paint a picture of ruthless lawyers destroying medical practice by pushing up premiums for medical insurance, by an explosion of litigation. Naturally enough, little is mentioned about the patients and the need to ensure proper standards of care.

One of the longest serving and hardest working members of the APLA National Council, Cathy Henry stepped down as President of the New South Wales Branch.

We wish her well and hope she might find time to write an article or two for the magazine.

Finally, there are two upcoming APLA events to take note of. The NSW Branch Conference is taking place on 3rd and 4th of March and has a very interesting program on offer. There is also the Medical Negligence Special Interest Group Conference on 30-31 March in Melbourne.

Good luck for Year 2000, APLA members. **PL**

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