

Editorial

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By the time that this journal is published it is likely that the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) will have distributed their final report on the 20 pilot projects initiated in IT82 year. The association was fortunate to have a preview of this report through the contribution made by Laura Heath and Jim Bates at the AGM last May. Their presentation is the first paper in the proceedings section of this issue and makes highly pertinent points, particularly about the way in which an assessment of such work can be carried out.

The second contribution at the same meeting has a completely different flavour and discusses the major Demonstrator project within the Alvey

bracket. Indeed, it is the project that will have most bearing in the office automation area: the voice-driven wordprocessor. The author is Peter Schwarz who is the industrial co-ordinator of the project. The central facet of this work will benefit 'creative writers' who do not always have a keyboard at their disposal, or may not be sufficiently expert in using one.

Among the contributed papers we note with pleasure that the range is wide and varied. In our refereeing and choice of papers that we have made for publication we have continued to apply the rule that they should be available to the widest possible audience. We look forward to further contributions from our members.

Publishers' note

Readers may have noticed certain printing errors in the last edition. The publishers would like to assure them that steps have been taken to prevent this happening again.