

Editorial

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The Annual General Meeting of the Association for Information Technology, which is the subject of this month's proceedings, tackled a vital topic: 'The Survival of IT Research'. Widely differing views were expressed ranging from 'we can't afford everything' to 'leaving some things unfunded means that nothing will happen'. As a practical mid-point among the above views which are from academia (Thomas and Aleksander) lies the sensible pillar of Mike Dale's view as an industrialist. But, as usual, it is for the *JIT* reader to make up his or her own mind. I would be delighted to publish meaningful comments.

In the state-of-the-art series, Henry Holloway's

study on 'IT in the Newspaper Industry' is a thorough investigation of an area where IT seems to have gone wrong in the UK.

John Shawe-Taylor's personal view of informational formalisms and language stimulates philosophical thought.

I am happy to announce that from the next issue onwards, Henry Holloway will be joining us as Assistant Editor of *JIT*. This will strengthen the Journal's ability to improve its administrative procedures. As part of this, we are introducing an AIT Newsletter, an embryonic form of which appears in this issue.