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EDITORIAL

As many of you may be aware, *Aliso*'s longtime Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Richard K. Benjamin, passed away on 30 April 2002. With his passing, we at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden acknowledge the tremendous degree to which we have depended on Dr. Benjamin, since 1958, for his fine editing. His role has been assumed recently by Dr. Vanessa Ashworth, known for her research on systematics of mistletoes (see *Aliso* volume 19, page 41). We intend to catch up in our publication schedule in the coming months, and look forward to continuing *Aliso*'s 54-year history of contributions to plant systematics and related disciplines.