

**M**AHASAGAR, the quarterly bulletin of the National Institute of Oceanography, C.S.I.R., India is the successor to the International Indian Ocean Expedition Newsletter India. While the objective of the latter was mainly to present to the public the progress in the International Indian Ocean Expedition—both the Indian Programme and the Programme of other countries—and highlight the results from time to time, *Mahasagar's* aim is to treat oceanography from a wider perspective and present compiled and well-documented information relating to this young scientific discipline. A proper fulfilment of this objective depends to a large extent upon the cooperation extended to us by individuals and organizations engaged in this branch of knowledge and we would welcome contributions from within the country and abroad not only in the form of scientific and technical notes, but also in the form of short reviews and articles in a popular style bringing to light the various types of oceanographic studies in progress and the interesting results and their application.

The present issue is Number 3 of Volume I of this Journal, the first two numbers having been published as a joint issue. This has been necessitated owing to our anxiety to release the accumulated material.

The Editor wishes to invite comments and suggestions from readers with a view to improving the bulletin in the choice and arrangement of the articles, notes, news briefs etc. It is our aim to see that this publication receives wide acceptance from the reading public and those interested in marine sciences both within the country and abroad.

—EDITOR