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INTRODUCTION

This issue constitutes the twenty-third annual report of our Research Institute.

The period covered by this issue has been a year of change at our Institute. Last April, after the retirement of Prof. Masayuki Sawashima, Dr. Seiji Niimi, the former associate Professor of the Section of Speech Physiology, was promoted to Professor of Speech Physiology. Last December, Dr. Yoko Fukusako became an associate Professor of Speech Pathology at our Institute. Dr. Fukusako had been in charge of the Section of Speech Pathology at the Metropolitan Medical Center of Gerontology. We expect both Dr. Niimi and Dr. Fukusako to contribute to the further development of our Research Institute.

Since we had many papers from outside in the last issue of our Annual Bulletin dedicated to Prof. Sawashima at his retirement, we limited the number of internal reports from our Institute. In this issue, we are pleased to include as many papers as possible submitted from our Institute. Our research results are reported here mostly in preliminary form for exchange of information and cooperative technical discussions with other research groups all over the world. Most of the projects reported on here are expected to appear in more formal publications later, but quotations are welcome strictly for research purposes, with the understanding of the preliminary nature of these reports.

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