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Editorial

This final issue of *Voluntas* for 1993 (Volume 4) comes to our subscribers free of charge. Having begun as a biannual publication in 1990, we added a third regular issue in 1992. This year, however, marks the first time that *Voluntas* could, at least temporarily, be called a quarterly. The fact that we are publishing four rather than three issues this year reflects our proactive editorial policy to put together special issues of the journal on topics we regard as important to the development of the field.

The definition and treatment of non-profit institutions in national and international systems of economic accounts presents such a topic. In the light of the current revision of the United Nations System of National Accounts (SNA), we felt it appropriate to devote an entire issue to the non-profit sector in national income accounting and related data systems. In this respect, we were pleased to discover that the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC shared our interest in making the present discussion about the role of non-profit sectors and institutions within the SNA available to a wider audience of researchers and policy-makers.

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