## **Epilogue**

A research paper based on Chapter 9 has been submitted to the journal *International Statistical Review*. Pre-eminent statisticians will be invited to be discussants on the emerging theory from my thesis. Their evaluations and multiple perspectives will enrich my research findings on the characteristics of statistical thinking in empirical enquiry.

"This is an important contribution and will be instrumental in stimulating a good discussion on the topic" (Vijay Nair, Editor International Statistical Review, personal communication, 19 January, 1999)