

Editorial

It is with some melancholy that we bid David de Wied farewell as chairman and editor of the *European Journal of Pharmacology*. His broad scientific background and vision have been the driving force behind the successful development of the Journal. Ever since the initiation of the Journal in 1967, he aimed to create an international vehicle for research papers from all over the world. He insisted that the *European Journal of Pharmacology* should pay special attention to manuscripts that were submitted by authors from non-English speaking countries by providing language editing when necessary. Hence ideas and findings of such authors became readily accessible to the international scientific community.



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Also from the start David de Wied aimed to combine quality with speed in the editorial evaluation process. An international editorial board, together with a board of consultants, was created that consists of expert scientists in the various subjects of pharmacology. At his Department of Medical Pharmacology of the Utrecht University he established a smoothly running editorial office close to the editors and in the direct neighbourhood of other academic scientists.

Due to David de Wied's leadership, enthusiasm, and gifted talents, the Journal has prospered over the years and with it, its contributors and readership. During the 28 years of his skilful chairmanship the *European Journal of Pharmacology* has grown into one of the leading pharmacological journals in the world. It will take time to get accustomed to have our regular editorial meetings without David de Wied. His stimulating presence and humorous interventions and remarks gave these meetings that special atmosphere in which a job was done in the most pleasant of ways. We are fortunate to know however that we can always turn to him for advice, if necessary. Therefore it is with great respect and pleasure that we welcome his appointment as Honorary Editor to the Journal.

The Editors