

Publisher's Note

As from January of this year, after twenty-eight years of editorial leadership, Professor David de Wied has decided to step down as the Chief Editor of the *European Journal of Pharmacology*. David de Wied (together with Jacques van Rossum) was involved in the inception of the Journal by Elsevier Science in 1967 as a founding editor. Over the years, as the Journal has grown in size and popularity, the team of editors has also gradually expanded under the careful chairmanship of David de Wied.

Ever since the Journal was launched, the editors have made it their primary task to serve the author, for example by polishing the English of non-native speakers, and by a very rapid, personal and careful handling of each individual manuscript. It is one of the main achievements of David de Wied's editorial team that the publication times for the *European Journal of Pharmacology* are the shortest of all international pharmacology journals. This editorial attitude and the growing reputation of the *European Journal of Pharmacology*, also reflected by a respectable impact factor, have stimulated authors from all over the world to submit their work for publication in the *European Journal of Pharmacology*.

Having worked with Professor de Wied on the publication of over 250 volumes during the past three decades, the Publisher wishes to express his profound gratitude for David de Wied's dedication and inspiration, which have established the *European Journal of Pharmacology* in its pre-eminent international position. We are very happy to announce that Professor de Wied will continue to contribute his scientific advice as he will continue to be involved with the Journal as Honorary Editor.

We would also like to welcome Professor W.H. Gispen as the new chairman and Professors J. Bruinvels, F.P. Nijkamp and D.H.G. Versteeg as members of the Board of Editors, assuming collectively the editorial responsibility for the Journal. All of them have already served as editors of the Journal, and they are committed to maintaining the same high standards as have been established over the past 28 years. We would like to extend our best wishes to the new editorial team and look forward to the continued success of the *European Journal of Pharmacology* as a top international journal.

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