

## Editorial

### Jacques Bruinvels retires



*Jacques Bruinvels*

As of 31 December 2002 Jacques Bruinvels retired as an editor of the European Journal of Pharmacology, having served for more than 35 years, longer than any of the other editors. He had been invited to function as assistant editor in 1966 in readiness for the launch of the journal in 1967. He was then on staff at the Rudolf Magnus Institute, which has housed the editorial office of the journal from the beginning. As the journal had been growing rapidly and the number of

manuscripts increasing, two other members of staff at the institute were also appointed as assistant editors, Dirk Versteeg (1971) and the late Wybren De Jong (1972). Having the editorial office separate but in close contact with the publisher made possible the highly efficient and rapid handling of manuscripts. This still is part of the success of the journal.

The four of us had expertise in the various fields of pharmacology, behavioural, molecular, endocrine, cardiovascular, as well as neuro- and psychopharmacology. The editors selected the referees, evaluated their comments, suggested minor or major revision, decided upon acceptance or rejection of manuscripts and, if necessary, language editing for manuscripts from non-English authors.

In addition to his knowledge of neurochemistry and psychopharmacology, Jacques had expertise in molecular pharmacology. As molecular pharmacology was booming in the eighties, it was felt that more emphasis should be given to this sub-discipline of pharmacology. This was why, in 1988, Jacques was asked to organize a section of the journal on molecular pharmacology, together with Dirk Versteeg and Willem Hendrik Gispen, the present chairman of the board of editors. The molecular pharmacology section proved to be very successful. We were all well pleased with this achievement and Jacques was a proud editor. In 1996 the section on molecular pharmacology was incorporated into the main journal as one of the several sections into which the journal is now divided.

Jacques has been an excellent editor and consultant since the journal was launched. We are greatly indebted to him for his contribution to the journal. We wish him many years of health and happiness.

*David De Wied,  
Honorary Editor  
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