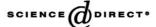


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Note from the Publisher

Developments started last year regarding the editorial structure of this journal when Professor Jacques Bruinvels decided that the time had come to retire as an Editor of EJP after 35 years of service. We wish to acknowledge his dedication and contribution to the *European Journal of Pharmacology* over the significant period of 35 years. We are indebted to his concern for high standards, so important to attracting scientists of high standing to the journal. With his excellent eye for detail he has brought many a manuscript to a publishable form. It therefore gives us great pleasure to thank Professor Bruinvels for his contribution throughout the years. We wish him health and happiness in the years ahead. Thank you, Jacques!

It is always difficult to find someone to replace a capable editor. We are fortunate that Doctor Ferdi Engels has accepted our invitation to become assistant editor to the EJP as of 1-1-2003. Dr. Engels is a senior staff member of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Utrecht University. We are confident that Dr. Engels will add to the fine reputation built up by the efforts of his predecessor. We wish him great success and much pleasure and personal satisfaction in his new position.

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