

Preface

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It is with great pleasure and pride that the Editors and the Publishers present this 500th volume of the European Journal of Pharmacology.

Ever since its launching by David de Wied and the North-Holland Publishing Company in 1967, the journal has grown in significance in terms of quality and quantity. Judging by the submission of manuscripts, the Journal enjoys a global interest and visibility. The Journal hosts an astronomical number of hits on the Elsevier Science Direct website. This and the comments we receive from fellow scientists tell us that the Journal is in excellent shape.

In the past, on several occasions, we published short histories of the Journal. We decided, therefore, not to write one yet again. However, we must make one historical observation. It is very sad that the founding editor and our mentor David de Wied is not among us any more to celebrate the appearance of this special 500th volume. He would have been very proud of the quality of the papers that feature this volume. The Editors and the Publishers, with the indispensable help of the eminent scientists that serve on the boards of the Journal, will do their utmost to maintain the good reputation of the European Journal of Pharmacology, not in the least as a tribute to the late David de Wied.

In this 500th volume, the reader will find an excellent collection of solicited, comprehensive and timely reviews by members of the Editorial and Advisory Boards. The diversity of the topics covered is a good reflection of the nature of modern pharmacology. The Editors are thankful for the endeavours of these scientists in helping to ensure the quality and the visibility of the European Journal of Pharmacology.

Finally, the Editors and the Publishers would like to thank all scientists and staff that over the years have given their best in the interest of the Journal. Without their valuable support, the Journal would certainly not be in the excellent position currently held. It is our wish that in the interest of the international world of Pharmacology and its researchers, the European Journal of Pharmacology will remain a preferred and highly qualified vehicle for up-to-date, advanced and innovative research papers and reviews in the rich and dynamic field of Pharmacology.

We dedicate this 500th volume to our founding editor David de Wied.

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