

Preface

EJP spring meeting in September!?

In 2007, the biannual spring meeting of the European Journal of Pharmacology was held during the weekend of September 14–16. But why meet in September, instead of June as usual?

The reason was that the Chairman of the Board of Editors of the European Journal of Pharmacology, Willem Hendrik Gispen, was to relinquish his office of Rector Magnificus of Utrecht University and we thought of underpinning his return to the bench of academia by organizing the spring meeting around the date of his retirement on a subject to his heart. We are very proud and happy that such a distinguished group of leading scientists gathered to present and discuss issues in the field of *Energy balance, Obesity/Diabetes and Cognition*.

The meeting was a joy to attend and between historical notes and new vistas the cordial friendship among the participants and especially with Willem Hendrik Gispen was heartening.

The proceedings of this timely meeting of high scientific impact lay before us as a special issue of the Journal. We hope

that the readership will enjoy the content as much as we do. We also like to take this opportunity to thank Elsevier Science Publishers for their support in making the meeting possible and the Office of the European Journal of Pharmacology in helping us in getting the proceedings together.

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