

Editorial

The beginning of 1992 has seen some significant milestones in the development of future directions of *Psychopharmacology*. Our distinguished editors for animal behavioural pharmacology for North and South America, Drs. Herb Barry, III, and Stanley Glick have changed their roles as Field Editors to join the Advisory Editorial Board. Both of these editors were instrumental in the growth of the journal and its recent increase in ranking according to the impact ratio in the Science Citation Index. Our thanks go especially to Herb Barry who edited *Psychopharmacology* for over 15 years in his characteristically meticulous and courteous style. Finding new editors of this calibre has not been easy, but we are fortunate to welcome the addition of Professors Klaus Miczek and Mark Geyer as Field Editors, respectively, for behavioural pharmacology in laboratory animals and preclinical psychopharmacology in the Americas.

Over the next period in order to speed up the review process we plan to introduce several improvements and innovations in the journal. We hope to expedite manuscript processing time by a variety of means. In addition, there will be several new features, including "special issues" on topics of intense contemporary interest. The first of these topics, "The psychopharmacology of nicotine" will be appearing in an issue edited by Professor David Warburton. There will also be a continuation of our series of in-depth review articles and editorial commentaries. Naturally, we would be pleased to receive any correspondence from the readership on any aspect of the journal.

We now take this opportunity to announce further special issues. The first of these special issues will be on the topics "5HT anxiolytics" and "Peptides and memory". Authors should submit manuscripts by 1 August to the relevant field editor in the normal way with a note to say that they are submitting for the special issue.

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