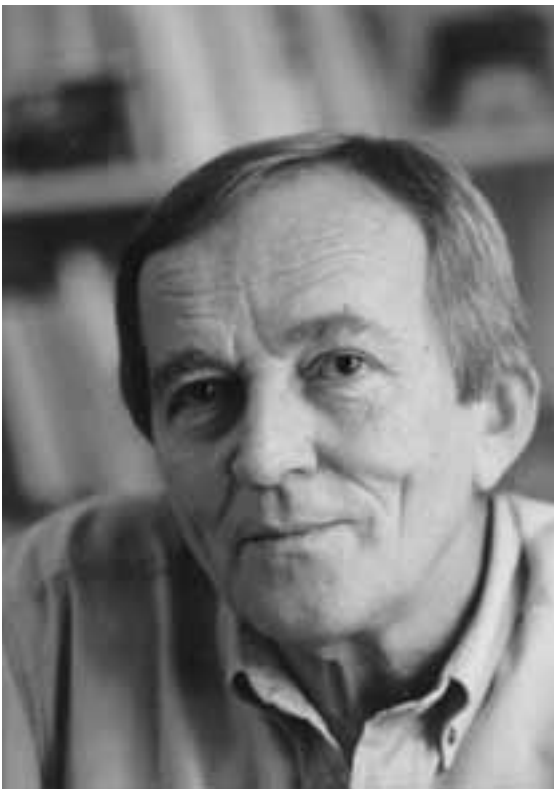


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Humor is an important part in healing and health. We are delighted to introduce a lighter note which will be in every issue of our Journal. It is the conception of Vladimír JIRÁNEK, who was born in 1938 in Hradec Králové, Czechoslovakia.

He completed his journalism studies at the Philosophical Faculty of the Charles University in Prague. He has spent his whole life as a freelance artist and caricaturist in Prague. He has contributed to many magazines and in recent years he has contributed daily to leading Prague newspapers and weekly magazines in which he comments and reflects on day-to-day political and social events. He has illustrated many books and his work has been exhibited in Prague and other cities in Czechoslovakia and abroad. Mr. Jiránek also has produced short films, some of them having received awards at international film festivals. One of his most valued awards is the prestigious Golden Bear Award.

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Neuroendocrinology Letters is the first international biomedical journal to which Mr. Jiránek has submitted his drawings, and he will do so as a regular feature. We are very happy and proud to have him with us.