

# Editorial



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It is with great pleasure that I welcome a new member to the Editorial Board of the *Neuroendocrinology Letters*, **David Cibula, M.D., Ph.D.** from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Medical Faculty at the Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. Dr. Cibula, who has significant publication activity in the field of endocrinology and who is a member of the Executive Board of European Society of Contraception, was proposed to become a member of our Editorial Board by Professor Vit Unzeitig, M.D., a leading obstetrician, gynecologist and perinatologist in the Czech Republic, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Medical Faculty, at the Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.

Professor Unzeitig kindly accepted my invitation to become a Co-Editor of the *International Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine* (ISSN 0943-5417). Together with Professor Rudolf Klimek from Cracow, Professor Leo Leader from Sydney, Professor Karel Maršál and Professor Jorge César Martinez from Buenos Aires, he will be in charge of the perinatology section of the Journal.

These two Journals, the *Neuroendocrinology Letters* incl. *Psychoneuroimmunology & Chronobiology* and the *International Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine*, are already cooperating closely and the aim is to amplify the scientific exchange between these two large fields in a kind a “cross-fertilization”.

In both Journals we intend to publish the contents of the latest issue of the respective Journal and the authors of both Journals are welcome to submit papers to either one.

I would like to use this opportunity to introduce you to other new Co-Editors of the *Int. J. Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine* (you will find the complete list in the separate ad in this Journal):

**Dr. E. N. Adamson-Macedo** from University of Wolverhampton, UK. Dr. Adamson-Macedo should be given great credit for developing a new branch within psychoneuroendocrinology and psychoneuroimmunology during the last years, i. e. neonatal psychoneuroimmunology which I would like to enlarge with the psychoneuroimmunology of the whole prenatal and perinatal period of life.

**Professor Dr. Med. Dr. h.c. Günter Dörner** (Director Emeritus), Institute of Experimental Endocrinology, Humboldt University Medical School (Charité), Berlin, Germany, known as one of the founders of functional teratology. One of his main fields of scientific interest is the sexual differentiation of the brain and its biochemical, physiological, morphological, clinical and psychological aspects. He contributed significantly to both Journals with papers on “Significance of Hormones and Neurotransmitters in Prenatal and Early Postnatal Life for human Ontogenesis”, “Hormone-Dependent Brain Develop-

ment and Behavior”, “The Ontogenetic Theses for Promotion of Health and Primary Prevention of Important Diseases by a Prenatal and Early Postnatal Neuro-Endocrine-Immune Prophylaxis”. Already in 1986 he was one of the most eminent speakers at the World Congress of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine in Badgastein, Austria. His paper was published in *Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine, Encounter with the Unborn*, the Parthenon Publishing Group, Carnforth 1988 (ISBN 0-940813-24-6). His scientific merits cover the fields of both *Journals*, *Neuroendocrinology*, *Psychoneuroimmunology*, *Chronobiology* and *Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine*, in an outstanding way.

**Professor Franz Halberg, M.D.**, Director, Halberg Chronobiology Center, University of Minnesota, Mayo Hospital, Minneapolis, USA, a pioneer of the field of Chronobiology, the former Editor-in-Chief of the distinguished Journal “*Chronobiologia*”, introduced to the *Neuroendocrinology Letters* a series of papers in this field. Franz Halberg posited time as the undisputed fourth dimension in biology and thus created one of the fundamental laws within the bio-medical sciences. “Chronome” derived from *chronos* (time), *nomos* (rule, law) and in the case of biological chronomes, chromosomes, describes features in time, just as cells characterize the spatial organization of life. In his recent paper (Vol. 22, No. 1. 2001), he stressed the importance of understanding that there is no alternative for complex science, biological or other, than to map the dynamics, in us and around us, of chronomics. Professor Halberg will significantly enrich the *Int. J. of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine* by applying the Science of Chronobiology to the prenatal and perinatal dimensions of human life: *The Prenatal and Perinatal Chronobiology*.

**Professor Andrzej Piotrowski, M.D.**, Director of the Institute of Psychiatry and Neurology in Warsaw, Poland, past President of the Polish Psychiatric Society and past member of the Committee of the World Psychiatric Association, contributed to the *Int. J. of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine (JPPPM)* on the topic of drug addiction and other toxic influences during pregnancy and their effect on the newborn child. There is a vital need in the *JPPPM* for a psychiatric expertise about the prenatal and perinatal stage of life and its impact on the postnatal development of the individual.

**Professor Vit Unzeitig, M.D.**, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the Medical Faculty at the Masaryk University of Brno, Czech Republic, belongs to one of the outstanding authorities on Perinatology in Europe, Member of the Executive Board of FIGO (The International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics) since 1994, he is a member of the Executive Committee of EAGO (European Association of Gynecologists and Obstetricians) and former President of the Czech Gynecological and Obstetrical Society (1993–1997). He is the author of a great number of publications in the fields of obstetrics, gynecology and perinatology in the leading world *Journals*. Together with Professor Rudolf Klimek from Cracow, Professor Leo Leader from Sydney, Professor Karel Maršál and Professor Jorge César Martinez from Buenos Aires, he will be in charge of the Perinatology Section of the *JPPPM Journal*.

I would like to announce the opportunity to introduce the joint subscription of both these *Journals* at a substantially reduced price. The details will be published in the next issue of the *Neuroendocrinology Letters*.

I would also like to draw your attention to the forthcoming International Symposium on “Melatonin: clinical significance and therapeutic application” in Polanica Zdroj, Poland, 30.9–3.10.2001, with Chairman Prof. Dr. Michal Karasek. You will find the Announcement and additional information in this issue (page 80).

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