From the Editor's Desk

This is the first issue of *Current Psychological Research & Reviews*, which formerly appeared in two separate sections, *Current Psychological Research* and *Current Psychological Reviews*. The merger was decided upon for reasons of administrative efficiency and rationalization, and will not affect editorial policy in any significant way. We shall continue to publish original empirical research reports and integrative review articles in all areas of psychology, together with book reviews and occasional instrumentation and software reports. We shall also continue to strive for the shortest possible mean publication lag that is compatible with thorough peer review, believing as we do that long delays between the acceptance and publication of articles are not in the best interests of authors or their readers. Preference will be given to manuscripts that are clearly written, and that make new and significant contributions to psychological knowledge or provide sound evaluative surveys of the literature in areas of special interest. The journal will henceforth appear quarterly. Detailed instructions to authors can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Publication has been transferred from Holt-Saunders in the United Kingdom to Transaction Periodicals Consortium (at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.) in the United States. Transaction has long experience in journal publication and currently publishes more than 30 successful journals in the social sciences. There is every reason to believe that this change will result in an increased flow of submissions from the United States and Canada, and a corresponding broadening of American readership of the journal.

With the retirement of Wladyslaw Sluckin, the role of editor-in-chief has fallen to me. When I first approached him in 1980 with the idea of a new journal, which would specialize in rapid publication and provide a new (and, as I believed, sorely needed) outlet for review articles, Wladyslaw Sluckin's reaction was enthusiastic, and he readily agreed to assume editorship for an initial period. His experience as a former editor of the *British Journal of Psychology* was invaluable in the early years. I should like to thank him on behalf of all who were involved in launching *CPRR*.

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