Editorial

During the past few months, a committee appointed by the Psychonomic Society conducted a major review of the journal *Psychobiology*. I am pleased that the Society concluded that the journal fills a very important role, one that the Society intends to support fully in the future. Letters solicited from outside evaluators contained favorable reactions to the scope and quality of published articles, review process, short time to publication, and unusually large numbers of reprint requests for articles.

Psychobiology will continue to provide broad coverage of studies which integrate brain and behavior. This was the goal I had when I assumed the editorship in January 1990. The remarks in my initial editorial [Vol. 18(1)] remain true today (revised excerpts):

By definition, psychobiology is an interdisciplinary field of study. During the past several years, the scope of the journal has expanded to include, in particular, neural nets, hormonal influences on behavior, and circadian rhythms. More recently, I have attempted to broaden the scope still further to include experimental neuropsychology, development and aging, and "plasticity" (e.g., anatomical, physiological, and biochemical responses to experience, long-term potentiation, neural and behavioral recovery after damage, etc.). I also encourage submission of articles in neuroscience which contribute to our understanding of brain and behavior relationships.

There are several new and specific plans for the journal. These include a modified and improved format, publication of notices about the journal in several outlets, and mailings to members of the Society for Neuroscience aimed at increasing both submissions and subscriptions. In addition, I am now in the process of revising and expanding the Editorial Board. I intend to have these changes in place within the next few months. The expanded board will include members who better reflect the nature of current submissions, particularly those related to studies of hippocampal function and to behavioral pharmacology, which together comprise a majority of current papers in the journal. The expanded board will also include additional individuals who specialize in the topics targeted for expansion, in particular, experimental neuropsychology, development, aging, and plasticity. Finally, I plan to expand, by general solicitation as well as by direct invitation, the number of reviews and commentaries included in the journal.

I am very pleased with the progress of the journal during the past several years. I hope that you will assist me in the continuing evolution of *Psychobiology* by contacting me about additional areas of research you would like to see included. Of course, the most important contribution you can make to the journal will be the submission of high-quality manuscripts representing the full field of psychobiology.

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