

Editorial

It is with the spiral, symbol of controlled evolution, development, growth, that we introduce the new EXPERIENTIA – ‘new’ because a number of pertinent changes in management and content have been implemented.

The office of the editor-in-chief has been enlarged and is now shared by two managing editors; the size of the editorial board has been increased to bring an even greater range of expertise to the journal; a new advisory board is ready to counsel the editors on matters concerning policy, content, and quality.

Starting with this issue we shall be publishing what we refer to as *Full Papers*. These are in-extenso research reports which ordinarily might be expected to appear in specialized journals, yet, given the nature and timeliness of their topic, we feel that they should be made available to a far broader readership. We shall also be asking established authors to contribute *Mini-Reviews*, short surveys of 1–2 pages, wherein the newest developments in their specific fields of research are summarized. The *Review Articles* (formerly ‘Generalia’) will remain an important feature in *Experientia*. These are surveys that offer in-depth coverage of specialized as well as multidisciplinary topics. In *Auto-Reviews* – a variant new to *Experientia* – an author will be given the opportunity to trace the evolution of his work, from new ideas to proven hypotheses. Under the category *Short Communications* (formerly ‘Specialia’) we continue to publish brief laboratory and field reports in the natural sciences. Especially with these papers, all possible effort will be made to ensure rapid refereeing and publication.

By combining these developments with the best of *Experientia*’s tradition as an interdisciplinary journal, we expect to serve the science community even better than in the past.

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