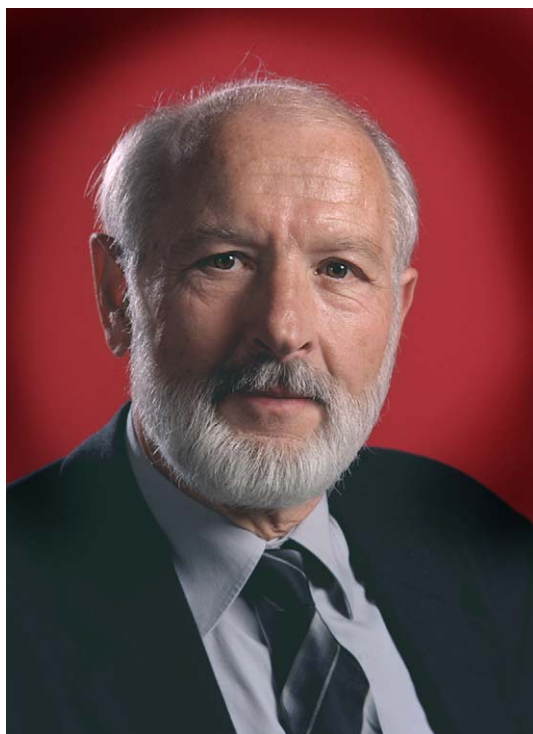


## Editorial



As of December 31, 2003, Dirk Versteeg retired as Editor of the *European Journal of Pharmacology*. He served for 33 years, from 1970 when the 11th volume was published till

the end of 2003 when volume 481 appeared. Dirk started as assistant editor in 1970 when he was appointed staff member of the Rudolf Magnus Institute. He was a promising young investigator with expertise in neurochemistry, neurobiology and neuropharmacology. The fast growing journal, however, increasingly needed his expertise and skills. In the course of these many years he was instrumental in writing and updating the “Notice to Authors”. Together with his wife, Henny Versteeg, who many of those years acted as office manager and who also retired at the end of 2003, he developed the “checklist for style revision” which the authors receive when a manuscript needs correction regarding abbreviations, tables, figures, abstracts, references, etc. Dirk Versteeg was the internal auditor who was mainly responsible for the protocol of processing of the manuscripts in the editorial office. This invariably resulted in manuscripts which were in (almost) perfect condition and ready for handling at Elsevier.

As Editor of the various special issues of the journal published during the last decade, Dirk acted in close collaboration with the guest editors of these individual thematic issues. He is the last of the Mohicans that worked on the journal from its early days until today.

We are greatly indebted to him and his wife for their contribution. I wish them, also on behalf of the Board of Editors, many happy and healthy years to come.

D. de Wied  
*Honorary editor*