



## Editorial

WITH THE ADVENT of a new editorial team for *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior* and *Physiology and Behavior*, it is appropriate to acknowledge the contribution of the founding editor. For almost 30 years Matthew Wayner has made a unique contribution to the field of behavioral neuroscience. Most of us came to know his name through the journals he founded and edited. Dr. Wayner began his career at Dartmouth College, and subsequently earned a Master's degree at Tufts College and a Ph.D. at the University of Illinois. Originally trained in psychology, he soon became interested in understanding the neural mechanisms involved in motivated behavior and learning. In this work, he studied how physiological challenges could change neuronal excitability and thirst motivation. This fascination with how the central nervous system was organized to produce behavior eventually led, in 1966, to his founding of *Physiology and Behavior*. *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior* was founded in 1973, prompted by the realization that advances in disciplines other than physiology were pertinent to behavior and needed a forum.

For many of us, *Physiology and Behavior* and *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior* were the first journals in which our work was published and the first journals in which we participated in the peer review process. These were journals hospitable to young people eager to participate in the new and exciting field of the behavioral neurosciences. Tremendous credit is due Professor Wayner for having the foresight and energy to provide this opportunity. We are proud to continue the tradition of these journals as a forum for innovative scientists to publish their quality work. The disciplines of behavior and the neurosciences have matured significantly since 1966, but the need for a rigorous forum for exciting and novel data that integrates across disciplines continues. It is our intention that the journals *Physiology and Behavior* and *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior* will meet that challenge in the spirit in which Professor Wayner founded the journals some 30 years ago with an emphasis on behavior, integration across disciplines, and exciting new results at the forefront of our fields.

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