



Editorial

I was honored to have been asked by Sandra File to co-edit a special issue of the *Journal* on the topic of neurobehavioral teratology, the impetus for which came from the number of submissions in this field to the European Office. Sandra and I decided to use this opportunity provided by the special issue to highlight a number of methodological issues of critical importance when conducting work in this field. As exemplified by the exceptional research presented in this volume, many laboratory groups on both sides of the Atlantic are aware of these crucial issues and are designing their work accordingly. Unfortunately, however, there are still laboratories that have not considered certain of these essential methodological factors, thereby limiting the nature and strength of the conclusions that can be drawn from their results. It is our hope that the research presented in this volume will stimulate additional researchers to address these critical concerns in future work.

We would like to give special thanks to the contributors and reviewers for the issue. The success of this volume is due to the dedicated efforts of all of these individuals in meeting the strict deadlines set for the issue. Our grateful thanks also are extended to my assistant Pat Heebner and to Cathy Fernandes of Sandra's office for their assistance in organizing and managing this special project. It is our hope that the readers will find these articles to be as interesting and informative as we do.

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