



Editorial

THE aim of this special issue is to explore the variety of neuroadaptations that result from genetic differences and perinatal exposure to stress, neurosteroids, and drugs. It also explores the changes that occur during chronic exposure to CNS depressants and the properties of stimulant drugs that may lead to abuse. The extent to which the nervous system is able to adapt will limit drug-induced harm, but inevitably there are many circumstances in which the result is neurotoxicity. This issue covers the range from neuroadaptation to neurotoxicity. The overall theme was also the topic of the 3rd European Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior meeting held in Morzine, France, January 4–11, 1998. This meeting brought together delegates from 17 different countries and provided a platform for young researchers to make oral presentations of their work, as well as including keynote talks from leading researchers in the field. Many of the papers included in this issue were submitted to the European Office in the usual way; others came from work presented at the conference. All were submitted to the usual refereeing process, and I am grateful to the authors and reviewers for meeting the tight deadlines imposed. I am also indebted to Cathy Fernandes who did such an efficient job as managing editor.

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