



Editorial

I have had a long and very happy association with *Pharmacology, Biochemistry & Behavior*. My first contact with the journal was 30 years ago when, as a young scientist, I submitted a paper to the journal. I found that papers always received prompt and courteous treatment, accompanied by excellent referees' comments. From the feedback the journal receives, we know that these characteristics remain those that are valued by our authors. I served on the editorial board for 4 years and then as European editor-in-chief for 11 years. I should like to express my enormous gratitude to the members of the editorial board for their support over this time and to the many helpful and insightful referees who have made such a large contribution. The smooth running of the journal has been ensured by a series of most able managing editors—Nick Andrews, Cathy Fernandes, Nick Jarrett and Pallab Seth. They have also helped with the organisation of the five Morzine meetings, which have been such enormous fun and such a huge scientific success. The meetings have been generously and enthusiastically supported by very senior scientists, but I am also very proud of the young scientists whom we were able to support and provide a platform for their first oral presentations. As a result of the Morzine meetings we produced five special issues: *Anxiety, Stress and Depression* (1996); *Cognitive Dysfunction*

(1997); *Neurobehavioural Adaptation to Neurotoxicity* (1998); *Drugs of Desire* (2000); and the most recent one, *Sex and Drugs*, guest edited by Marlene Wilson and Sandra Kelly. The European office has also been responsible for commissioning nine other special issues and I should like to thank all the guest editors for doing such a splendid job. I shall miss the great friendship that so many colleagues have extended to me and my final thanks go to those at Elsevier, in particular Paul Carton, Chris Giacconne and Lulu Stader, who have made the post of editor-in-chief such an enjoyable one. I am delighted that Dai Stephens will be succeeding me and I am confident that the journal will be in excellent hands. My very best wishes go to Dai and to all my colleagues in psychopharmacology—may the future bring fun, success, friendship and great happiness.

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