

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO REFEREES

### Acknowledgement to Reviewers 2003

As I approach the end of my first year as Editor of Urological Research, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the many researchers, often very busy individuals, who have given freely of their time to review and comment on manuscripts submitted to the journal over the year. With the ever-increasing pressure to publish and the change in format of the journal, the number of manuscripts received this year has doubled compared with that received in previous years. This has put extra pressures on reviewers so much so that often I have had to choose referees from outside the Editorial Board in order not to overload the Board Members. I know from personal experience how much time it takes to review a manuscript thoroughly. This makes me all the more appreciative of the effort put in by reviewers to help make Urological Research a high quality journal.

This year reviewers had to cope with the introduction of the new electronic system for the review of manuscripts. On the whole, this has been very successful and has greatly assisted the editorial team with the management of manuscripts and reports. I would also like to thank my four Associate Editors who have supported me unstintingly throughout the year and I know that they will wish to add their thanks to the reviewers in the urolithiasis field on whom they have called during that time. Journal editing is a team effort and without the help of the Associate Editors, reviewers and contacts within the publishing offices, the journal would not appear. Many thanks to you all and best wishes for the coming year.

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