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Editor's Note

I wish to provide our readership with a brief update on the current operation of the journal.

Initial reviewing time is now down to 7 weeks. Accordingly, average publication time for manuscripts requiring minor revision is only 7.1 months, a 20% improvement over 1994 values. During the last 12 months we received only six Rapid Communication proposals; when accepted they are published in less than 4 months.

A new impact factor figure will only be available in February. Analysing over 420,000 citations of neuroendocrine relevancy published by 140 journals from 1993 to 1995 (source: ISI data base), *Neuroendocrinology* was found to rank number 6 in terms of neuroendocrine citation number; it shares the upper third citation market in the field, together with journals such as *Endocrinology*, the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, *Molecular Endocrinology*, *Science* and *Nature*. In addition we are now implementing our scope of diversifying the journal's coverage, by attracting more papers dealing with molecular or clinical neuroendocrinology, as well as with neuroimmunology and cell biology.

The Editorial Board met at the International Endocrine Congress in San Francisco last June and agreed that the quality of the journal was improving. Besides practical suggestions to further shorten publication time, it also suggested to change our policy on Receiving Editors. Our main purpose for having regional Receiving Editors was to make the journal more author-friendly to contributors from all parts of the world. The procedure, however, has also inconveniences, such as introducing small, but useless delays in the reviewing process, and the Board felt North American authors did not consider it important. It was thus decided to suppress the Receiving Editorship for North America. The Tokyo Receiving Editorial Office will be maintained temporarily. Contributors are thus asked to send their manuscripts directly to the Main Editorial Office of the journal in Paris (except those from South-East Asia). Manuscript processing by Associate Editors will not be affected by this change.

I am grateful to all authors, Editorial Board members, and reviewers who helped us to maintain high standards for *Neuroendocrinology*, and present to our readers on behalf of the Editorial Office and of the Publishers my sincere wishes for a fruitful New Year.

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