Editorial

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Intervirology, founded by J.L. Melnick just over 20 years ago, has published since its inception a wealth of important findings in virology. However, times are changing and science is changing along with them, necessitating a scientific journal to adopt to the newly emerging needs of the scientific community. Virus research today covers a much wider field than 20 years ago when molecular biology was in its infancy, and Intervirology must concentrate on aspects which are in the mainstream of scientific research. Thus, Intervirology will not only appear in a larger format, but its contents and scope will also be revised to some extent. From now on, the journal will concentrate on new developments in human and animal virology with a focus on viral pathogenesis, immunology, diagnosis, prophylactics and therapy. This will, of course, include publications on molecular and structural biology, as both are areas key to the understanding of pathogenesis and the development of therapies. Papers on new techniques will only be published if they are of central relevance of the field. Every second issue of Intervirology will be devoted to an overview on a specific topic or viral disease, edited by a guest with an international reputation in his or her field. Such publications will be exclusively by invitation of the editorial board. These issues, comprising results from basic and applied research, will help to provide broadly based information on current developments in virology. Last, but not least, the editorial board will be extended to better cover the different aspects of the field and to better evaluate research from several disciplines. We hope that this will further enhance the quality of Intervirology and help bring together the various areas of research as was originally intended with the foundation of the journal by J.L. Melnick.