Editorial

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From the first issue of 1994, I have taken over from Professor R.D. Martin of Zurich as Chief Editor of Folia Primatologica. Prof. Martin will continue as Associate Editor, and will handle Brief Reports, while I shall be concerned with longer manuscripts (Reviewed Articles) and general editorial policy. 'Bob' Martin will be a very hard act to follow. This I know well since it was Bob who first introduced me to primatology as an undergraduate, and the clear thinking and broad perspective that then encouraged me to enter the field, was his hallmark then as it is now. During his time as Chief Editor, he has made 'Folia' one of the best known and best respected journals in the field, by dint of his editorial and intellectual rigour. Recently, his hard work has further resulted in an important development, the adoption of Folia Primatologica as the official journal of the new European Federation for Primatology (EFP), a body whose existence owes much to Professor Martin's enthusiasm and concern for the development of primatology in Europe. The EFP will for the first time give primatology a united voice in the rapidly expanding European Union, at a time when conservation and captive care of primates are threatened by the otherwise very welcome removal of border control within Europe. This volume recognises this important development by including abstracts of scientific meetings of two of the national societies affiliated to the EFP. We hope soon to include scientific reports information, and news from all the affiliated national societies.

At the same time, Folia' will most certainly continue to welcome papers from outside the European Union. Our policy will be to publish papers with a broad comparative and evolutionary perspective, whether they be on palaeontology, ecology, neurology, genetics, social behaviour or any other of the specialist disciplines within primatology. To this end, we shall soon be revising 'Folia's' Instructions to Authors to reaffirm and emphasize our editorial policy, and we urge all potential contributors to read this section of the journal with care.

Equally, I am determined that the high standards Bob Martin has established should continue in a time when science and tertiary education on both sides of the Atlantic are pressured to 'do more with less', and research productivity and excellence are measured increasingly by publication in high impact journals. I shall concentrate in particular in reducing the 'turn around time' from submission to publication of papers, while maintaining, and if possible increasing, the quality and impact of the journal. I am honoured to be given this opportunity to serve international primatology, and will do my best to live up to Professor Martin's high standards.