2009 – Building on Our Achievements

A new year is upon us yet again and we are looking forward to it with hope and great expectations. As Editor-in-Chief of *Hormone Research*, it is a privilege for me to be able to offer you my best wishes for 2009 and to wish you all success and happiness in both your professional and personal life.

In my role as Editor-in-Chief, my ambition for 2009 is to publish exciting new discoveries in the field of paediatric endocrinology and to produce a journal that fulfils your expectations and your professional needs. Our journal has changed over the last 4 years. It has increased in size and we are now reaching a larger public. It is not only circulated throughout Europe but also in Asia, the Pacific area, the US and South America. The number of registered readers has increased steadily in the last 4 years. The papers and research findings are reaching a larger public for the benefit of paediatric endocrinology and, ultimately, for the benefit of children suffering from endocrine disorders.

The scope of the journal is now clearly defined: our mission is to publish medical information in the field of paediatric and adolescent endocrinology. However we have an ongoing shared interest with our adult endocrinologist colleagues to whom we entrust the care of our patients once they become adults. Thus we believe in the importance of including research papers on adults with childhood onset endocrine disorders.

The success achieved is the work of a team. *Hormone Research* has a strong board of Associate Editors now and I would like to warmly thank them all: S. Bernasconi, J.-C. Carel, P.E. Clayton, W.S. Cutfield, M.T. Dattani, O. Hiort, P.-E. Mullis, M.A. Rivarola, P. Saenger, O. Söder, and G. Van Vliet for their dedication and hard work.

I also want to acknowledge the work done by members of the Board and the numerous reviewers who have willingly given their time and expertise in reviewing the papers submitted to the journal. Their work is extremely important as it guarantees the quality of the papers we publish.

Last but not least, the journal would not exist without the authors who demonstrate their support for *Hormone Research* by sending us their papers for publication.

Again I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Paul Czernichow, Paris