Editorial

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Managing Editor

As new Managing Editor I would like to thank Priv. Doz. Dr. Marco Ermini for his excellent work over the last years. His contribution to the growth of our journal was remarkable. We all regret that after 4 years of his dedicated work for Gerontology, he stepped down as Managing Editor. We are, however, pleased that Priv. Doz. Dr. Marco Ermini agreed to serve further as a member of the Editorial Board of the Experimental Section. In this way we will continue to benefit from his expertise in gerontology and his many personal contacts with gerontologists all over the world. I hope I will succeed in doing the job in the same friendly and loyal way as he always did it.

Over the years, the journal has changed its unique focus from purely experimental gerontology to a broader spectrum introducing also clinical gerontology. The growing number of articles on clinical research in gerontology demonstrate the importance of this particular field. This proves that Prof. Francois Bou-lière, the second Managing Editor of Gerontology, was right in deciding in 1976 to

merge our journal with Gerontologia Clinica. Experimental gerontology, however, remains one of the fundamental pillars in gerontological research, improving our understanding of aging processes and aging diseases.

The Editorial Board particularly invites experimental gerontologists to submit their research papers to Gerontology because the multiplicity of opinions and controversial views are forces which are important for the progress in gerontology. Therefore, Gerontology makes available space for a debate section, to supply its readers with the most recent trends and ideas in gerontology. Letters to the Editor are also welcome. Studies on drugs are covered by other gerontological journals and are therefore not considered for publication in Gerontology. Authors should also be aware that Gerontology does not publish developmental phenomena of life but aging processes, which develop between adult life and advanced age.

I hope authors and the Editorial Board will have the same confidence in me as in the preceding Managing Editor Marco Ermini.

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