Editorial

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A scientific journal is a dynamic enterprise which is constantly subject to changes not only with regard to its editors but also with regard to a broadening of its scientific scope.

At the beginning of 1998 Professor Dr. Mary Luszcz (Adelaide, Australia) was introduced as a new section editor of the Behavioural Science Section. With the increasing number of elderly people worldwide behavioural science is progressively gaining in importance.

At the end of 1998 Professor Dr. Marguerite M.B. Kay decided to resign as an Editor for North America after serving the journal in a brilliant manner for the unbelievably long period of 12 years. Marguerite Kay's discerning and critical judgement has done much to raise the quality of *Gerontology* and we are happy that we can further count on her wide clinical expertise in geriatric medicine as a member of the Editorial Board of the Clinical Section.

It is a great pleasure for the Editorial Board of *Gerontology* to announce that Dr. Donald K. Ingram of the National Institute of Aging (NIA) in Baltimore, Md., is willing to take over the duties of Marguerite Kay as Editor for North America. Don Ingram is a well-known gerontologist not only with a great deal of experience in the field of aging research but also an experienced editor of gerontological journals. We are sure that authors of *Gerontology* in the United States and Canada will be happy to collaborate with Don Ingram. The members of the Board of Managing Editors extend a warm welcome to the new Editor for North America and wish him all the best for the future.