Publisher's Note

Founded in 1968 by Walter Riss, *Brain Behavior and Evolution* was initiated to provide a forum for the reporting of information of wide interest to researchers involved in the study of the organization of the nervous system and behavior. It soon became established and successfully developed into a principal source covering a diverse range of interests in the field of comparative neurobiology. Under the editorship of R. Glenn Northcutt (1986–1998), the journal evolved into a vehicle not only for research reports but also for distinct theoretical papers, items of interest in the field of comparative neurobiology, and a platform for publication of conference proceedings on brain evolution or related topics.

For the last 11 years, Walter Wilczynski has successfully led the team of *Brain, Behavior and Evolution*. Regrettably, he has decided that his term as the journal's Editor-in-Chief should now come to an end and is stepping down from his position with the hope that a new Editor will open up new perspectives for the journal's benefit. His competence and enthusiasm throughout his tenure ensured that everyone who worked with him, both his colleagues and here at the publishing house alike, thoroughly enjoyed doing so.

In his editorial published in 1999 [vol. 53, p. 1], Walter Wilczynski outlined the direction he intended *Brain, Behavior and Evolution* to take within the framework of the achievements and traditions already established under its previous Editors. These goals were reached and surpassed with ease. As Editor, he successfully led the journal towards the new horizons opened up by progress in this specialty field and implemented electronic publishing.

We at Karger have had the pleasure and satisfaction to work in close collaboration with Professor Wilczynski. In

his years of editorship, he managed to maintain and even raise the already high scientific level and quality of the journal. We would like to take this opportunity to extend him our very special thanks for his continuous efforts, lively interest, untiring dedication to the journal as well as his friendship.

Our warm thanks also go especially to Blinda E. McClelland (Assistant Managing Editor) and all the Editorial Board members and reviewers whose contributions have been essential in shaping the profile that *Brain, Behavior and Evolution* enjoys today. Last but not least, we thank the authors as well as all our subscribers and readers, without whose loyal support the journal could not exist.

We send Walter Wilczynski and Blinda McClelland all our best wishes for the future and look forward to continuing our good working relationship after their editorial tasks have been fulfilled.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Georg Striedter of the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, University of California at Irvine to *Brain, Behavior and Evolution* as new Editor-in-Chief. Georg Striedter has a long relationship with this journal. He already had his first encounter with *Brain, Behavior and Evolution* during his time as a student with Glenn Northcutt and later personally contributed to its success and reputation as author and Editorial Board member. His vision, drive and enthusiasm will certainly ensure that the journal continues to prosper and grow in the future, and we look forward to a pleasurable, efficient and fruitful collaboration.

Thomas Karger