The last decade has witnessed a considerable crisis in clinical research. There are fewer and fewer bridges between the molecular bench and the clinical bed [1]. Clinicians look at what gets published or presented at meetings with an increasing sense of distance and detachment. Psychiatry is not immune from this crisis. In this scenario, the journal’s strong clinical focus, emphasis on psychotherapy research, and long-standing psychosomatic attraction to conceptual bridges may sound obsolete. And the many battles that were started in recent years may appear to be too pretentious. But the journal goes on. The constant growth of its impact factor supports our efforts. The contribution of the external reviewers who supplemented our editorial board during 1996 in assessing the papers was crucial for the journal’s progress.

F. Anagnostopoulos, Athens, Greece
A. Appels, Maastricht, The Netherlands
M. Bach, Vienna, Austria P. Bendtsen, Linköping, Sweden H. Berenbaum, Champaign, Ill., USA
B. Bermond, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
T. Bouman, Groningen, The Netherlands J. Catalan, Isleworth, UK M. Cazzaro, Padova, Italy N. Clinton, Stockholm, Sweden S. Conti, Bologna, Italy A. Costantini, Roma, Italy
G. De Girolamo, Bologna, Italy P. Dobkin, Montreal, Canada F. Facchinetti, Modena, Italy D. M. Garner, Toledo, Ohio, USA
F. Lechin, Caracas, Venezuela M. A. Lumley, Detroit, Mich., USA J. Mann, Falls Church, Va., USA M. Otto, Boston, Mass., USA
G. Parker, Toronto, Canada H. G. Pope, Belmont, Mass., USA
C. Rafanelli, Bologna, Italy A. R. Raffi, London, UK
D. Razavi, Bruxelles, Belgium CD. Ryff, Madison, Wisc., USA R. Santulli, Lebanon, N.H., USA

KAHGEH
E-Mail karger@karger.ch Fax + 41 61 306 12 34 http://www.karger.ch
1997 S. Karger AG, Basel
G. Savron, Bologna, Italy A. J. Vingerhoets, Tilburg, A. Serlie, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
The Netherlands  C. Vogele, Marburg, Germany  \{ Fe, nstein AR; The crisis in clinical research.
N. Sonino, Padova, Italy  J. Wilson-Barnett, London, UK
T. Tamminen, Tampere, Finland  H.U. Wittchen, Munich, Germany
G. J. Taylor, Toronto, Canada  R. Zachariae, Aarhus, Denmark  O. Todarello, Bari, Italy  H. M. van Praag, Maastricht,
The Netherlands
Psychother Psychosom 1997;66:1-2  Fava