Publisher's Note

Psychopathology, originally entitled *Monatsschrift für Psychiatrie und Neurologie*, was among the first half dozen journals published by Karger Publishers after its foundation towards the end of the last century. Even after many changes in its focus and titles, reflecting changes in disciplines and language, it has always had a special place in our publishing program.

After many laureate editors (among them the founding editor C. Wernicke), K. Bonhoeffer, Th. Spoerri to name but a few, Professors P. Berner and E. Gabriel assumed editorial responsibility for the journal in 1974 with the commitment that a new era was to begin. Their very personal dedication has been decisive in the further development of the journal and has given it the impetus to carry it into the new century.

It is at this point that my very special thanks go to Professor Berner, who has voiced his desire to step back as one of the editors, for all he has done for the journal during the some 25 past years. As his tenure comes to an end, I wish the new editor joining Professor Gabriel, Professor C. Mundt, Heidelberg, also on behalf of my son Steven Karger as the 4th publishing generation, all the best for a successful editorship. I am confident that the editors and my son as the publisher will continue to produce a journal of high standard and publishing excellence.

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