Publisher's Note

Dr. Barbara Rogoff has been at the helm of *Human Development* for six successful years. Her competence and enthusiasm has ensured that everyone who worked with her, both here at the publishing house as well as her colleagues in the field, thoroughly enjoyed doing so. Regrettably, she has decided that this is a sufficient term as the journal's Editor-in-Chief and is stepping down so that the journal benefits from new perspectives.

In their first editorial in 1997 [vol. 40, pp 1–6], Dr. Rogoff and her Associate Editor Dr. Claes von Hofsten outlined the editorial policy they planned to adopt and the direction they intended the journal to take within the framework of the achievements and traditions already established for *Human Development* under its previous Editors-in-Chief. Their goals were reached and surpassed with ease. As editors, they successfully introduced 'Quick Advice to the Editor' as one step towards streamlining the review process and substantially cutting down on review time.

We at Karger have had the pleasure and satisfaction to work in close collaboration with Dr. Rogoff. In her years of Editorship, she 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 our very special thanks to her for continuous efforts, lively interest, and untiring dedication, and are pleased that she has decided to stay on as an Editorial Board Member enabling the journal to continue to profit from her valuable expertise.

Warm thanks also go to Dr. von Hofsten (her Associate Editor), Karrie André (Dr. Rogoff's assistant), all the Advisory Editors and Reviewers whose contributions have been essential in shaping the profile that *Human Development* enjoys today, and last but not least to the authors and subscribers/readers without whom the journal would not exist.

We wish Barbara Rogoff, Claes von Hofsten, and Karrie André all the best for their futures and look forward to an ongoing good working relationship after their editorial tasks have been fulfilled.

We have the pleasure to welcome Dr. Geoffrey Saxe of the University of California, Berkeley, Calif., USA, as the new Editor-in-Chief of *Human Development*. Dr. Saxe enjoys a brilliant reputation and is widely recognized as an expert in his field. We are entrusting him with the demanding task of leading and steering the journal into a new era of editorship and look forward to a smooth and fruitful cooperation.

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