Editorial

This is to thank the authors and readers of *Skin Pharmacology and Applied Skin Physiology* for your continuous interest in our journal. In the past year the journal has developed further. We have received far more manuscripts than we could accept, therefore a strong selection policy had to be followed, which was not an easy task. In this context, the Associate Editors, Board Members and Reviewers of *Skin Pharmacology and Applied Skin Physiology* have done excellent work for which I would like to offer my thanks.

Beginning with the year 2004, the journal is published in a large format, which is the usual format for scientific journals.

Stimulated by several Board Members and colleagues from Europe and the United States, an *International Society of Skin Pharmacology and Physiology* (ISSPP) was founded in December 2003. The Society should act in the international scientific community stimulated by national activities.

The objectives of the society are to promote progress in the field of cutaneous physiology and pharmacology. To this end, it is the objective of the ISSPP to:

- Bring together the existing activities and knowledge in the fields of experimental dermatology, skin physiology, pharmacology and the respective methods.
- Define future perspectives of interdisciplinary research in the field of skin pharmacology and skin physiology.
- Develop concepts for their realization and stimulate international interdisciplinary cooperation.

- Support talented young scientists by attracting public and industrial funds in order to foster their research over a defined time period in leading research centers around the world.
- Inform the members of the society as to the current progress in skin physiology and skin pharmacology by annual meetings, via the journal and by the homepage of the society.
- Provide a platform to the members of the society for presentation and discussion of results, hypotheses and views.
- Bridge research with regulatory authorities in skin pharmacology and skin physiology.
- Interact with international organizations (e.g. NIH, WHO, European Community and others).

The journal *Skin Pharmacology and Physiology* is the official organ of the society. You are invited to join the *International Society of Skin Pharmacology and Physiology*. For further information please contact me.

I wish you a happy and peaceful New Year.

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