Editorial

Biology of the Neonate has previously changed its name on three occasions. When the journal was founded in 1959 by Professor Alexandre Minkowski from Paris (see Obituary by J-P Relier, Biol Neonate 2004;86:183) it was known as *Biologia Neonatorum* having developed from a publication entitled *Etudes Neonatales*, which was first produced as a local publication 2 years earlier. The journal was dedicated to reporting the results of research studies involving the fetus and neonate and filled an important void in the medical literature at that time. Minkowski was Editor-in-Chief from 1959 to 1985. Just before he handed over the reins to Professor Jean-Pierre Relier in 1986 the journal had another name change and has since been known by its English title of *Biology of the Neonate*. Although a change in Editor-in-Chief need not necessarily herald a change of title this is what has happened on this occasion.

When we took over as Editors-in-Chief in January 2004 we wished to continue reporting the results of basic research involving the fetus and newborn, but in addition we hoped to be able to publish results of more clinically-orientated research including state-of-the-art review articles, randomized controlled trials, systematic reviews and so-called translational research studies (Biol Neonat 2004;85:1). In the past 3 years, we feel that there has been some movement in this direction and that this warrants another change in the name of the journal. We have chosen the title *Neonatology* (perhaps surprisingly not already used in the medical literature) to reflect the slight change in emphasis towards clinical research, but we will retain the subtitle of Fetal and Neonatal Research to ensure that basic research in this area is not forgotten. The change in title will take place in January 2007 and we hope it will have the approval of our readership. Our instructions to authors will remain unchanged for the time being. Please let us know what you think of the changes.

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