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Physiological Research: New or Traditional Journal ?

(Editorial Information)

The journal *Physiologia Bohemoslovaca* attained its 39th volume in 1990. In spite of its name, it has published original scientific articles not only of Czech or Slovak authors, but also of many scientists from abroad. So far, the journal has been published by Academia (Publishing House of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences) for the Institute of Physiology, Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences in Prague. As a result of a profound changes which have recently occurred in Czechoslovakia, the Editorial Board takes pleasure in announcing the following changes which are being planned in the general publication policy of this journal.

1. In order to become a more international source of scientific information, it has been decided to change the title of the journal to *Physiological Research* (with *Physiologia Bohemoslovaca* remaining in the subtitle).

2. *Physiological Research* will be published with a new Editorial Board of specialists covering the main fields of physiology, pathophysiology, biochemistry, biophysics, pharmacology and immunology with their expertise. Beside this, renowned scientists from abroad with past affiliation to this journal are being asked to become members of the International Advisory Board. This should help our journal to have international connections and ensure a high scientific standard of the published papers.

3. Starting from 1991, the journal will be printed by modern DeskTop Technology on high-quality paper and allowing high-resolution microphotographs for reproduction. The new technology will substantially shorten the time between the date of acceptance and actual publication to about eight weeks. All authors will receive 50 reprints of their paper free of charge. Please note the relevant information about the distribution of this journal which is given on the front cover of all our issues.

All papers should be sent in English to the Editorial Office, Institute of Physiology, Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Albertov 5, CS-128 00 Prague 2. Papers can also be submitted on floppy discs in various text editors (listed in the Instructions for Authors). In exceptional cases translation can be provided. Expert English linguistic corrections will be ensured by our Foreign Language Editor.

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4. The journal will publish high quality paper of original research work in the field of physiology, pathophysiology, biochemistry, biophysics, pharmacology and immunology. **Rapid Communications** will be processed preferentially in order to appear within 2-3 months after receipt in the Editorial Office. Furthermore, the journal will be open to expert personal views in the form of Editorials of Commentaries and to critical review articles (**Minireviews** or **Overviews**) of contemporary "hot spots" in physiology and allied fields. An



attractive possibility offered by *Physiological Research* is to publish original selected materials from international symposia organized in Czechoslovakia. This would give organizers of such meetings the possibility to publish the proceedings within a relatively short time. Monothematic issues should also be attractive for perspective readers. Furthermore, the new technology will make it possible to print more copies of a given issue.

The Editorial Board gives this information in the hope that our "velvet" revolution of November 17, 1989 will also help Czechoslovak Physiology to become a more integral part of the world scientific community.

All these suggested "improvements" in the profile of our journal, the first editor-in-chief of which was the world-wide known neuro-muscular physiologist E. Gutmann, are intended to provide a wider influx of papers from abroad. This should be the contribution of our basic medical sciences to opening up our country not only to Europe, but also to the whole world. We are determined, with your help, to make this venture a success.

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