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## Editorial



*Psychoneuroendocrinology* welcomes the nomination of a new Editor-in-Chief, Professor Isabella Heuser who has replaced Professor Ned Kalin on August 2018. Like in the past, all articles submitted to the journal are randomly attributed to one of the editorial offices. Authors can still propose that their manuscript is assigned to one editorial office in priority although there is no guarantee this will be granted.

The aims and scope of the journal remain the same. *Psychoneuroendocrinology* is the leading journal in the field of psychoneuroendocrinology and both editors strive to publish the best of what the field has to offer in its diversity. In 2018, more than 1,100 manuscripts have been submitted to the journal. *Psychoneuroendocrinology* has published or is in the way of publishing three special issues, one on ImmunoPsychiatry (Guest Editor; Carmine Pariante) that has received a record number of submissions; one on Stress and Cellular Aging (Guest Editors: Sonja Entringer, Elissa Epel) that has been limited in its scope and aims to present the state-of-the art of the field; and one contributed to by the Trier School of Psychoneuroendocrinology as a Festschrift in honor of Professor Dirk Hellhammer (Guest Editors: Clemens Kirschbaum, Oliver Wolf, Brigitte Kudielka). We thank the guest editors who have accepted to coordinate these special issues and process the manuscripts submitted to the special issue.

The Editorial Board of the journal is currently under review as the Editors' objective is to select colleagues who are not only expert in the field but are also willing to contribute to the journal by reviewing manuscripts and coordinating special issues or named sections. Our editorial policy is also under revision. Like many other journals we receive more manuscripts than what we can publish, and we are now

reaching a level of rejection of 60 percent. Many of these rejections are due to inadequate presentation of the manuscript including problems with the language and presentation of working hypotheses, the use of problematic methods, issues with replicability because of the small size of the populations under investigation (often associated with the lack of power analysis), and the use of inadequate statistics. In order to improve the quality of the manuscripts that are submitted to the journal, we will provide detailed instructions to authors. Authors will have to attest that they have read and followed these instructions for the preparation of their manuscript. Our objective is not to increase the burden on authors as our requirements for submissions are not different from those already imposed on the scientific community by most of the funding institutions. We want to decrease the burden on our reviewers and make their work more interesting scientifically. To make the work of our reviewers even more valuable we will introduce Reviewer Fund to *Psychoneuroendocrinology* in 2019. For each review done on time for the journal a virtual US dollar will be added to the pool budget provided by the publisher. The money accumulates as the reviews are performed and at the end of the year it will be donated to a chosen charity.

We want to thank our authors and reviewers for their work during the past year. Our joint aim is to improve the quality of the science that is presented in *Psychoneuroendocrinology*. We are counting on all of you for this and we present you our best wishes for 2019.

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