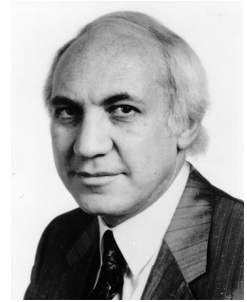


Editorial



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“Was ist Erfahrung? Die Summe der Existenz. Erfahrung ist der einzige wahre Reichtum, weil man ihn nicht verlieren, nur verschenken kann, weil man ihn auch behält, wenn man ihn verschenkt, weil man, indem man ihn verschenkt, reicher wird, weil der eigene Gewinn gering ist neben dem Geschenk. Ich öffne eine Hand voll Erfahrung”.

Hans Habe

“For an individual, it is a long way from communication through screaming to communication through the internet; the vast majority of this planet’s inhabitants still communicate without the internet. But even if all humankind would already had the possibility of communication through the internet, we must never forget, that the non-verbal communication is in its essence unique, crucial and indispensable. This is just as true for its apprehension and understanding in communication between arts and cultures.

Until now, there has not been any evidence of a stronger or more effective information channel than the human smile and the human caress.”

Zdenek Klein

First of all, this October issue of the *Neuroendocrinology Letters* is devoted to the memory of the distinguished Czech Anthropologist and Human Ethologist Zdenek Klein who died at age of 56 on September 4, 2000 in Prague.

Under the auspices of the *Neuroendocrinology Letters*, together with the “Club of Friends of the *Neuroendocrinology Letters*” and the *International Journal of the Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine* “The Zdenek Klein Award for Human Ethology” honoring the work and life of the late Zdenek Klein was founded on August 8, 2001.

The “Zdenek Klein Award for Human Ethology” will be granted annually for the best work in the fields of Ethology and Human Ethology, especially within the area of Integrative *Neuroendocrinology* and Human Ethology. The award winning study is to be published annually in the October issue of the NEL.

In this issue, we are pleased to publish the Invited Review Article entitled:

“Human Pheromones: Integrating *Neuroendocrinology* and Ethology”,

which won the inaugural prize for the year 2001. The first recipients of the Zdenek Klein Award are researchers from the Ludwig Boltzman Institute of Urban Ethology, Institute of Anthropology at the University in Vienna, Austria together with James V. Kohl, an independent researcher from Las Vegas, Nevada USA. This Review Article presents *The*

Integrative Aspects of Human Ethology and Neuroendocrinology. Its submission and publication was decisive not only for awarding the Zdenek Klein Prize, but also for enlarging the aim and scope of this Journal. This is now reflected in its title and on our cover with the words *Human Ethology*.

THE FIRST RECIPIENTS OF THIS AWARD ARE:

Professor, **Karl Grammer**, Dr. Dipl. Biol., Director of the Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Urban Ethology, Vienna, Austria; Senior Secretary of the International Society for Human Ethology (ISHE);

James V. Kohl, Independent Researcher, Las Vegas, Nevada USA;

Mag. **Bernhard Fink**, MSc.

Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Urban Ethology, Vienna, Austria;

Dr. **Michaela Atzmüller**, Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Urban Ethology, Vienna, Austria.

Please, read more about the Recipients of the Zdenek Klein Award in the Appendix to their Invited Review Article.

In honoring Zdenek Klein it is appropriate to call to your attention his previously published papers in this Journal: namely, in Vol. 21 No. 5 and 6 and the Obituary in No. 5, October 2000.

In this issue, we also offer reflections on the life of the late Zdenek Klein:

Remembering Zdenek Klein, by Professor Zbynek Šmahel.

It is with great pleasure that we are privileged to inform you of the enlargement of our NEL Editorial Board with the following distinguished members from the field of Human Ethology who have graciously accepted the following positions:

As a member of the Board of Associate Editors:

Professor **Irenäus Eibl-Eibesfeldt**, one of the Founders of Human Ethology and Past President of the International Society of Human Ethology.

As distinguished Members of the Editorial Board, the following scientists:

Professor **Karl Grammer**, Scientific and Administrative Director of the Ludwig Boltzman Institute for Urban Ethology, Vienna, Austria.

Mag. **Bernhard Fink**, Ludwig Boltzman Institute for Urban Ethology, Vienna.

Also, we would like to announce the enlargement of the Aim and Scope of the Neuroendocrinology Letters (NEL), as now reflected in the Title and on the Cover with the Disciplines of Neuropsychopharmacology, Reproductive Medicine and Human Ethology.

We would like to take this opportunity to CALL FOR PAPERS from these three additional scientific fields.

Website News: We have recently established on our Website www.nel.edu a Press Room where the latest NEL NEWS reflecting current events are frequently updated.

The Symposium on Melatonin, which was held in Polanica, Poland on Sept 30–Oct 3 through the Chairmanship of Professor **Michal Karasek**, Deputy Chief Editor of the NEL and Professor **Marek Pawlikowski**. The Abstracts were published in the last issue of the NEL, Vol. 22, No. 4, August 2001 and the selected full papers will be published *in extenso* in Vol. 23, No. 1 and No. 2 of the NEL, February and April 2002. The Symposium proved a great professional success thanks to the distinguished Chairmen and the International representation of speakers including Professor *Russel Reiter*, Professor *Daniel Cardinali*, Professor *Christian Bartsch*, Professor *Nava Zisapel*, Professor *Igor Kvetnoy*, Dr. *Tatiana Kvetnaia*, Professor *Alexander Lerchl*, Professor *Michal Karasek*, Professor *Marek Pawlikowski*, Professor *Andrzej Lewinski*, Professor *Krystyna Skwarlo-*

Sonta, Professor *Zofia Ostrowska*, Dr. *Michal Skalski*, Dr. *Cem Bediz*, Dr. *Ewa Sewerynek*, Dr. *Bogdan Lewczuk*, Dr. *Malgorzata Karbownik*, Dr. *Jacek Swietoslowski* and other distinguished colleagues.

There is more good news: We thank very much all the following colleagues for their commitment to join the Editorial Board of the NEL:

Professor **Daniel Cardinali** and Professor **Nava Zisapel** have graciously accepted to serve as Associate Editors.

Mgr. **Michaela Tomanová**, Dept. of Anthropology and Human Genetics, Faculty of Science, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic and **Cem S. Bediz**, M.D., Dept. of Physiology, School of Medicine, Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir, Turkey are new members of the Editorial Board.

Another important Editorial appointment is that of Professor **Michal Karasek**, the Deputy Chief Editor of the NEL, who has kindly accepted a position as a member of the Board of Co-editors of the International Journal of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Medicine (IJPPPM).

For the last eleven years, the IJPPPM has been bilingually (English and German) edited by me and Dr. Ludwig Janus and published on a quarterly basis by Mr. Kurt Mattes, Mattes Publ., Heidelberg, Germany (See the announcement in this issue of the NEL). Beginning next year, the IJPPPM will be published in cooperation with the Neuroendocrinology Letters, with Mr. Mattes as co-publisher and Dr. Janus as Associate Editor. More information about that will follow in the December issue of the NEL, Vol. 22, No. 6, 2001.

We are pleased to bring to your attention a clinical study by Dr. *Ruediger Lorenz* submitted as the Letter to the Editor to this issue of the NEL. Dr. Lorenz has prepared additional contributions to this Journal in the coming issues and we would like to invite more colleagues from the praxis to submit their clinical observations and case studies.

It is with great pleasure that I can introduce to our readers Professor *Rafael Luboshitzky* and his colleagues, who submitted for the first time to the Neuroendocrinology Letters their original clinical paper.

Our cordial thanks to Professor *Trimbak Chapekar* for his Review Article, Professor *Igor Kvetnoy* and colleagues, Prof. *Barabara Baranowska* and colleagues, and Dr. *Anna Gruszka* with colleagues for their most valuable contributions. In this issue, we also are publishing *The Gallery of Chronobiologists* by *Franz Halberg*.

In the Art Section (please read more in the Art Director's Editorial) we are extremely happy to be able to publish the poetry of our very distinguished colleague, friend and longstanding member of our Editorial Board, Professor *Marek Pawlikowski*, Director of the Institute of Endocrinology at the Lodz Medical University, Poland, who also is a member of the Polish Society of Physicians-Writers. In this issue, we are publishing (beside his original scientific paper) some of his wonderful poems in French. Thank you Professor Pawlikowski for your precious gift!

Dear Friends, Readers, Authors, Colleagues: Thank you for your consistent support for the Neuroendocrinology Letters and please, know how much we value your telling others about the NEL.

Most cordially, yours

Peter G. Fedor-Freybergh
Editor-in-Chief