

Some words from the Editor-in-Chief...



THIS SPECIAL ISSUE of Neuroendocrinology Letters is dedicated to the memory of the distinguished Anthropologist and Human Ethologist, the Czech Dr. Zdenek Klein, who died on 4 September, 2000, in Prague, at the age of 56.

Under the auspices of Neuroendocrinology Letters, associated 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' was founded on August 8, 2001, in order to honour the work and life of the late Zdenek Klein.

The intention is to bestow the award annually for what is judged to be the best work in the fields of Ethology and Human Ethology, with special emphasis on integrated sciences within Human Ethology that has been published in the Neuroendocrinology Letters. The award winning study is to be published annually in the October issue of this Journal.

In 2001, the first recipients of this award were **Karl Grammer**, **Bernhard Fink** and **Michaela Atzmüller**, researchers from the Ludwig-Boltzman-Institute of Urban Ethology, Institute of Anthropology at the University in Vienna, together with **James V. Kobl**, an independent researcher from Las Vegas, Nevada USA, for their work 'Human Pheromones: Integrating Neuroendocrinology and Ethology' (Neuroendocrinology Letters Vol. 22, No.5, October 2001, pp. 309–321).

The Award for the year 2002 was granted to **Jaak Panksepp**, **Joseph R. Moskal**, **Jules B. Panksepp** and **Roger A. Kroes**, from the Center for Neuroscience, Mind & Behavior and Department of Psychology and Department of Biological Sciences, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, USA, and from the Falk Center for Molecular Therapeutics and Department of Biomedical Engineering, Northwestern University, USA, respectively, for their Review Article 'Comparative Approaches in Evolutionary Psychology: Molecular Neuroscience Meets the Mind', which is published in this Special Issue (Neuroendocrinol Lett Vol. 23, Special Issue, Supplement 4, December 2002).

The integrative aspect of human ethology has been emphasised and developed also by the late Zdenek Klein, and two of his publications in this Journal are noteworthy: 'An integrative approach to the study of human behaviour' (Neuroendocrinol Lett Vol. 21 No. 5, pp. 422–423) and 'The ethological approach to the study of human behaviour' (Neuroendocrinol Lett Vol. 21, No. 6, pp. 477–481).

Coincidentally with establishment of the Zdenek Klein Award, Human Ethology, the scientific study of human behavior, was added to the Aim and Scope of Neuroendocrinology Letters (NEL), was also displayed on the cover of the Journal with Neuroendocrinology, Psychoneuroimmunology, Neuropsychopharmacology, Reproductive Medicine and Chronobiology, and formed a special Ethology Section on the NEL's website www.nel.edu.

Since the Review article by the first Recipients of the Award was published, several papers, comments and Review Articles on Human Ethology have been published here:

The Scent of Fear by *Kerstin Ackerl, Michaela Atzmueller & Karl Grammer*
(NEL Vol. 23 No. 2, April 2002, pp. 79–84)

Preferred partner characteristics in homosexual men in relation to speculated patterns of brain differentiation by *Frank Muscarella*
(NEL Vol. 23 No. 4, August 2002, pp. 299–302)

Effects of putative male pheromones on female ratings of male attractiveness: Influence of oral contraceptives and the menstrual cycle by *Frances Thorne, Nick Neave, Andrew Scholey*

Mark Moss & Bernhard Fink (NEL Vol. 23 No. 4, August 2002, pp. 291–297)

Mating types in yeast, vomeronasal organ in rodents, homosexuality in humans: Does a guiding thread exist? by *Daniele Oliva* (NEL Vol. 23 No. 4, August 2002, pp. 287–288)

Human body odour, genetic variability, and sexual orientation: A reply to D. Oliva by *Bernhard Fink & Nick Neave* (NEL Vol. 23 No. 4, August 2002, pp. 289–290)

Homosexual Orientation in Males: Evolutionary and Ethological Aspects by *Frank Muscarella, Bernhard Fink, Karl Grammer & Michael Kirk-Smith* (NEL Vol. 22 No. 6, December 2001, pp. 293–400)

Human Pheromones: “Integrating Neuroendocrinology and Ethology by *James V. Kohl, Michaela Atzmueller, Bernhard Fink & Karl Grammer* (NEL Vol. 22 No. 5, October 2001, pp. 309–321)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR by *Karl Grammer, Bernhard Fink, Michaela Atzmueller,* (NEL Vol. 22 No. 5, October 2001, p. 401)

OBITUARY: RNDR. ZDENEK KLEIN, 13.6.1944–4.9.2000 by *Peter G. Fefor-Freybergh* (NEL Vol. 22 No. 5, October 2001, p. 421)

RECIPIENTS OF ZDENEK KLEIN AWARD ON HUMAN ETHOLOGY 2001 (NEL Vol. 22 No. 5, October 2001, p.322)

REMEMBERING ZDENEK KLEIN by *Zbynek Šmahel* (NEL Vol. 22 No. 5, October 2001, pp. 323–324)

The Zdenek Klein Award will be presented at the Charles University and, for the initiating years 2001-2002, a joint ceremony for Recipients will be held in Prague in May 2003 under the auspices of the Faculty of Humanities (Dean, Prof. Jan Sokol, *Ph.D.*) the Faculty of Science, (Dean, Prof. Ing. Karel Stulík, *Dr.Sc.*) and the 3rd Faculty of Medicine (Prof. Cyril Höschl *M.D., Dr.Sc., Director* of the Prague Psychiatric Centre). The Homage written by these distinguished colleagues from the Charles University is published in this issue. I should like to take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to them as well as to *Doc. Zbynek Šmahel, Ph.D.*, and to *Doc. Ivan Mazura, Ph.D.*, from the Faculty of Science, for their invaluable initiative and support.

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We are very proud that Professor *Dr. Dr. hc.* Eibl-Eibesfeldt, founder of the field of Human Ethology, has graciously accepted my invitation to join the Board of Associated Editors of the Neuroendocrinology Letters. Both Professor Karl Grammer, *Dr. Dip.Biol.* and Mag. Bernhard Fink, *M.Sc.* from the Ludwig-Boltzman-Institute of Urban Ethology in Vienna, Austria are presently members of the Editorial Board of the Neuroendocrinology Letters, and from the very beginning they both exercised utmost support in promoting the affiliation of Human Ethology to this Journal.

It has been my great pleasure and privilege to work with **Bernhard Fink** and **Karl Grammer**, as Editors of this Special Issue on ‘Human Ethology and Evolutionary Psychology’; during the last two years they became my very close and dear friends. Their professional and scientific experience was a *conditio sine qua non* in preparing, editing and publishing this issue. Without their invaluable, consistent and durable engagement, this project of integrating human ethology with the aim and scope of Neuroendocrinology Letters, so developing a continuous effort of creative cooperation between our scientific disciplines and fields would not be viable, neither now nor in the future. Thank you very much!

Last but not least, I should like to express my sincere gratitude, appreciation and admiration to all authors who have submitted their outstanding work within this integrated field of science to this Special Issue, for purposes of both research as well as teaching – thus promoting the basic values of human beings.

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