It is with great sadness that I have to announce the sudden and unexpected decease of RNDr. Zdenek Klein, a great and faithful friend and supporter of the Neuroendocrinology Letters, who was one of the leading human ethologists in Europe and particularly in the Czech Republic (see Obituary in this issue).

In this issue of the Journal we are presenting seven original papers by outstanding and distinguished authors as well as a Review Article by Professor Günter Dörner of the Humboldt University of Berlin, which is an exceptional example of the “Functional Terratology” with an important impact on the health policy at large.

We also continue with the Case Reports, which in this issue is represented by a case of Invasive fibrous thyroiditis (Riedel’s disease) with signs of giant cell arteritis.

We also have the pleasure to join Professor Kochman in his Laudatio to Professor Marian Jutisz, who was at the cradle of the Neuroendocrinology Letters. He also is a long standing member of its Editorial Board and was a close friend of Prof. Gupta.

I would like to encourage the members of the Editorial Board, as well as all our readership, to express their constructive criticism and to continue to contribute scientific papers as well as Book Reviews, Congress Reports, etc.

In the next and the final issue of this year’s volume of the Neuroendocrinology Letters, we are planning to publish the contents of the Neuroendocrinology Letters for the latest four years (1997–2000). We are also planning to initiate “Post-published Reviews” in order to evaluate the quality of the papers published in our Journal during the last four years.

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