Editorial

Change in Editor

Heinz Holling and Bernd Leplow

Two-and-a-half years ago, the *Zeitschrift für Psychologie / Journal of Psychology*, the second oldest psychology journal in the world, changed its style to an entirely new format. Articles are now published exclusively in English, with each issue being devoted to a particular topic. This change has brought with it an increasing number of remarkable and interesting contributions pertaining to current areas of psychological research from internationally renowned authors.

Having successfully shepherded the journal through this period of change, Heinz Holling is now stepping down as Editor-in-Chief and Bernd Leplow is taking over this position, starting with the next issue of the journal. The successful working group of Associate Editors remains unchanged.

The journal will continue to cover the entire spectrum of psychology by continuing to offer special issues in the future. Every attempt will be made to attract guest editors who present basic research and methodological topics as well as colleagues representing more applied fields of research.

Among upcoming issues, the very next one (the third issue of 2008) will deal with the challenges of "Developmental Assessment." Franz Petermann, guest editor of the journal issue, has gathered a collection of highly attractive papers covering the state of the art in cognitive, motor, and socio-emotional skills testing in infancy and childhood.

The fourth issue of 2008 will be concerned with "Behavioral Economics and Economic Psychology." Eva Traut-Mattausch, Dieter Frey, and Claudia Peus will focus on human decision-making processes in the "rational" world of economics, a topic that is currently attracting enormous interest that extends well beyond the specialist fields of psychology and economics, as many people have come to realize that economic success is more a matter of behavior than of economic rules.

The first issue of 2009 will deal with the widely known "Significance-Test Ritual." It will be edited by Peter Sedlmeier, who will provide a critical outline of the extensive use of "null-hypothesis significance testing." In this issue, invited experts will discuss alternative views and procedures of inference statistics in psychology.

Issue 2 of 2009 will be concerned with history. Werner Deutsch and Siegfried Hoppe-Graf will act as guest editors for this issue. Using the example of developmental psychology, they will illustrate the evolution of a scientific discipline, its extension to neighboring areas of scientific activities, and the formation of a new view on the topic of interest.

The third issue of 2009 will address "New Directions in Multinomial Modeling." Christoph Stahl and Thorsten Meiser will present a comprehensive overview of the empirical and theoretical work on stochastic models that are necessary for the measurement of latent cognitive processes underlying observable responses.

Thus, we aim to continue to attract a broad readership within academic psychology and related disciplines as well as the nonacademic audience interested in new developments in psychological sciences.

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