
EDITORIAL

Prof. dr. H.M. van Praag would climb his last mountain in Maastricht, he announced us five years ago in his 'Oratio'. He has reached the summit now. He looks back in his Farewell Lecture (pp. 38-47) at his academic achievements, his family anchorpoints and his philosophy. One feels that even with the forthcoming retirement, the cultural, philosophical and religious interests may still grow more; this horizon broadens as he approaches the top of his mountain. We hope that these interests will be a joy for Prof. Van Praag for a long time to come.

Prof. dr. J.A. Den Boer, his most recent successor in the department in Groningen he founded, reviews how Prof. Van Praag has set the foundations of Biological Psychiatry in the Netherlands (pp. 47-49).

During the years Prof. Van Praag has worked in many places, made friends, and he loved to work with competent and ambitious people. Also during his relatively short chairmanship at the Maastricht University Department of Psychiatry, Prof. Van Praag turned this department to high scientific standard.

So, the Scientific Committee of his Farewell Congress had a hard time to select a limited number of speakers from his many reknown friends.

The Editorial Board of the Acta Neuropsychiatrica, of which Prof. Van Praag is a member since his return to the Netherlands, is pleased to publish these proceedings.

All contributions have been reviewed by the Scientific Committee and the Editorial Board.

We wish Prof. Van Praag an enjoyable time to come, together with his family. It has been a pleasure working with him during the years past. We hope that Prof. Van Praag will stay involved as a member of our Editorial Board.

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Prof. dr. E.J.L. Griez, on behalf of the Scientific Congress Committee

FROM THE BOARD OF THE ISBP

The International Congress on Psychobiology of Personality Disorders, we organized in conjunction with the BCNBP, in Oostende on April 25-26 was a great success.

To more than 160 participants was presented the "State of the Art" on personality disorders by the world's leading researchers on this topic.

The excellent collaboration with the BCNBP certainly warrants joint efforts in the future.

For the near future the ISBP is preparing an international conference in Groningen on the function of the prefrontal cortex and its implications for psychiatric disorders. You will be informed as soon as we have decided on the date and the preliminary programme.

dr. J.L. Klompenhouwer, secretary ISBP
Prof. dr. J.A. den Boer, president ISBP

FROM THE BOARD OF THE SECTION BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY OF THE DUTCH SOCIETY OF PSYCHIATRY

The section Biological Psychiatry organizes together with the section Administration Psychiatry a congress about the role of the pharmaceutical industry in the education of psychiatrists and in clinical research in psychiatry.

This congress will be held on Friday the 28th November 1997 at the Hospital Rivierenland, Tiel, the Netherlands.

The program of this congress will be published in the next volume of the Acta Neuropsychiatrica.

dr. L. Timmerman, secretary of the section Biological Psychiatry