EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

The journal *Physiological Research* is entering New Year 2010. We continue to provide a forum for scientists interested in normal, pathological and developmental physiology as well as in pharmacology, biochemistry and nutrition. The areas covered include *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies of structure and function of important tissues, cell growth and differentiation, the role of regulatory factors and signal transduction mechanisms. Published bimonthly, *Physiological Research* contains full-length and short original articles, review articles and rapid communications. Monothematic issues dealing with topics of interest are published under the supervision of guest editors. Proceedings from domestic or international symposia are also published.

Only peer-review papers are published. The quality of the journal is supervised by the International Editorial Board. The number of manuscripts submitted to the journal continues to increase as well as the number of published papers. Moreover, an increasing number of papers from western countries have appeared in the

journal in the last five years. This is understandable because the standard of our journal is improving towards the level of similar journals in the same field. The impact factor of our journal was stabilized with average value above 1.5. Instructions for Authors as well as the published papers are available on the World Wide Web:

http://www.biomed.cas.cz/physiolres

I would like to thank all coworkers, mainly *Managing Editor* Josef Zicha for 20 years of his work for this journal. I also acknowledge the work of both current *Executive Editors* Zdeňka Stádníková and Hynek Moravec for their excellent assistance. The help of all reviewers is also much appreciated. I am hoping that the authors and readers of our journal will continue in their interest and that the journal will continue to be a source of important scientific information in the future.

Jaroslav Kuneš Editor-in-Chief

Further changes in the payment for article submission and/or publishing

Due to a progressively decreasing financial support of Czech science it is necessary to modify the contribution of authors to the publishing costs of *Physiological Research*.

The Editors and the Editorial Board have therefore decided to increase the manuscript processing fee to 60 EUR for article submitted after March 1, 2010. This fee will be subtracted from page charge of articles accepted for publication. Page charge will be 40 EUR per printed page for each article except of review articles which will be charged 20 EUR per printed page only. Additional 150 EUR will be charged for each printed page containing color illustrations.

The review process will be started after the Editorial Office will receive the respective check or documents indicating bank transfer of the above mentioned 60 EUR. If you are not sure whether the topic of your article is compatible with the scope of

Physiological Research, please, wait with the payment until Editorial Office contact you.

The accepted papers will not appear as preprints on our website (and in other databases) and they will not be sent to printing office unless the appropriate page charge will be received. The respective amount will be indicated in the letter announcing manuscript acceptance.

A special reduced page charge (20 EUR per printed page) will be required for those articles which were submitted prior to March 1, 2010 but accepted for issues published already in 2011.

Jaroslav Kuneš Editor-in-Chief Josef Zicha Managing Editor