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Editorial

It is a pleasure and an honor to assume the role of co-editor-in chief of *Personality and Individual Differences*. *PAID* has a well-deserved reputation as a leading international journal and I look forward to sharing responsibility for maintaining and enhancing its standing.

In the three months since I was appointed co-editor, it has become very clear how much the journal owes to Sybil Eysenck and Gisli Gudjonsson. Sybil continues to read and copy-edit every paper that is submitted to *PAID* before it is sent out for review, in addition to sharing other editorial responsibilities. Gisli deserves the thanks of all of *PAID*'s readers for his long-term association with and commitment to the journal, and I am pleased to say that he will continue to serve as a member of *PAID*'s editorial board.

Thanks are also due to *PAID*'s associate editors (AEs), who handle all of the reviews of papers that are submitted for consideration for publication in *PAID*. The number of submitted papers continues to grow every year, reaching 537 in 2004 and over 600 in 2005. Finding reviewers and keeping track of them is a challenging task and the AEs devote a considerable amount of time and effort ensuring that submitted papers receive high-quality and timely reviews. In addition to the 12 AEs who were appointed in 2000—Elizabeth Austin, Paul Barrett, Colin Cooper, Philip Corr, Nathan Gillespie, David Markland, Gerry Matthews, Aljoscha Neubauer, Don Saklofske, Todd Shackelford, Bob Stelmack, and myself—I am very pleased to announce the recent appointments of three additional AEs: Caroline Davis, Veena Kumari, and Dino Petrides. The AEs make an invaluable contribution to the journal and I encourage all of *PAID*'s readers to assist them as much as they can when they are invited to serve as a reviewer.

Following discussions between myself, Sybil, the AEs, and representatives of *PAID*'s publisher—Elsevier—I am pleased to announce a number of new initiatives which I believe *PAID*'s readers and authors will welcome. First, *PAID* has had a long-standing policy limiting its articles to 5000 words. We recognize, however, that some reports—particularly meta-analytic review-type reports—may require more than 5000 words. Accordingly, *PAID* will now consider review papers or meta-analyses that are longer than 5000 words. Typically, we would expect such papers to be no more than 10,000 words, although longer papers will be considered at the discretion of the editors.

A second initiative concerns special issues of *PAID*. This idea has been discussed with the AEs and there is a consensus that one or two special issues or partial issues a year—for which articles would be solicited from leading experts in a particular area—would be well-received. I have asked the AEs to suggest potential topics and, as might be expected, there has been no dearth of suggestions. This, then, is an idea that we will be actively pursuing and, in fact, a special issue is already being planned dealing with the use of structural equation modeling in psychological research, to which many of the leading figures in this area have agreed to contribute.

Finally, as all recent contributors to the journal will be aware, *PAID* has been using Elsevier's on-line Editorial System (EES) since October, 2005. This system has made the whole process of submitting papers, assigning them to AEs and to reviewers, and all other steps in the review process markedly quicker and more efficient. Starting in March, 2006, EES will also integrate Scopus—the world's single largest abstracting and indexing database, updated daily and covering more than 14,000 scientific, technical, and medical titles from over 4000 publishers—which, among many other things, will allow *PAID*'s editors to search for potential reviewers quickly and efficiently. *PAID* is also fortunate in having close (often daily) contact with Elsevier and, in particular, with Fiona Barron, Dan Morgan, and Kate Partner, who have helped immensely with the transition to EES and all other aspects of running the journal.

In closing, let me reiterate that I look forward to serving *PAID* and its authors and readers in my new role of co-editor-in-chief. In that capacity, I welcome input from everyone associated with *PAID*; I can be reached most easily by e-mail at vernon@uwo.ca.

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