

Editorial

With this first issue in 2009 – which commences the 3rd volume of the European Journal of Developmental Science (EJDS) – an enlarged Editorial Board Team has picked up its work. It is our pleasure to welcome Dr. Axel Schölmerich, Professor of Developmental Psychology at Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany, who thankfully accepted our invitation to join the Editorial Board of the EJDS.

Axel Schölmerich has extensive experience in all levels of editorial work. His particular expertise is in the area of parent-child relationship with a focus on contextual variations driven by cultural orientation and migration. In addition, his laboratory engages in research on emotional regulation, particular developmental difficulties and cognitive development in childhood and adolescence. He developed and evaluated interventions using behavioral and neuropsychological methods including EEG. We are convinced that Axel Schölmerich will support and enrich our team in an outstanding fashion and we are looking forward to working with him on our goal to create a platform for outstanding work in the area of developmental science.

Changes in the Editorial Board always go along with changes concerning the scope of the journal and the Scientific Board. As two years have passed from the day when the first issue of the EJDS has been published it is time applying for entry in PSYCHINFO and Social Science Citation data bases. Now, after two years, we would like to thank the following colleagues for their support and cooperation as scientific board members: Dirk Baier, Ingrid Josephs, Gerd Jüttemann, Bernd Kazmierczak, Monika Knopf, Wolfgang Mack, and Klaus Sarimski (among them also founding members of the journal: Ingrid Josephs, Gerd Jüttemann, and Wolfgang Mack). Other colleagues accepted our invitation to join the Scientific Board: Dr. Chris Lange-Küttner, Senior Lecturer at London Metropolitan University, School of Psychology, Faculty of Life Sciences, and Visiting Professor at University of Bremen. We are looking forward to a fruitful and inspiring cooperation with our new Scientific Board colleague!

Besides submitted manuscripts, we have exciting special issues planned for the year 2009 with topics that include: social development in adolescence, edited by Angela Ittel and William M. Bukowski (this issue), the role of siblings in development, edited by Alison Pike (issue 2), and last but not least an issue on developmentally appropriate prevention of aggressive behavior in childhood and adolescence, edited by Herbert Scheithauer, Tina Malti, and Gil Noam (issue 3). The third Issue goes along with this years' XIV. Workshop Aggression that will take place in Berlin (www.workshop-aggression.de) and will include some of the papers presented at the workshop. We hope you will enjoy reading these issues, and we are very eager to receive your feedback. We look forward to hearing from you!

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