

Professor Robert Millar, Edinburgh, new Editor-in-Chief of the Karger journal *Neuroendocrinology*

Karger Publishers is pleased to welcome as the new Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Neuroendocrinology* Professor Robert Millar, Edinburgh. Professor Millar succeeds Professor Claude Kordon, who has managed the journal for the last 10 years.

Professor Millar is Director of the Medical Research Council Human Reproductive Sciences Unit in Edinburgh. The Unit is the leading institution undertaking research in reproductive health in the UK with integrated programmes on male and female infertility, contraception and hormone-dependent diseases. Professor Millar's group focuses on G protein-coupled receptor function at a molecular and atomic level. The main emphasis is on Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone which is the central regulator of the reproductive system.

Neuroendocrinology unifies concepts and common denominators in its field of research throughout numerous disciplines and has become the premier vehicle for communicating advances in the field of neuroendocrinology.

Major recent publications in the journal uncovered new actions of leptin and ghrelin, reported on original mouse knock-out models, identified novel signalling pathways, elaborated novel peripheral hormone (eg. estrogen) effects on the brain, promoted submission on advances in clinical neuroendocrinology and introduced a new initiative on peripheral neuroendocrine tumours and neuroimmune interactions. Discovery of the neurohypophyseal peptides of the posterior pituitary and the hypothalamic peptides regulating pituitary hormone secretion were major breakthroughs that were recognized in the award of the Nobel Laureate on three occasions. These singular and classic contributions of *Neuroendocrinology* to advances in medicine persist unabated to this day.

Professor Millar intends to maintain and improve the journal's status by taking measures such as introducing special focus editions and timely cutting-edge mini-reviews on emerging new discoveries and technologies. New editors and editorial board members will also be recruited.

Neuroendocrinology is listed in bibliographical services including Current Contents/Life Sciences, MEDLINE, Reference Update and Biological Abstracts.

Further information on the journal can be found on the Karger website at www.karger.com/nen.

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