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This editorial aims to describe important developments and changes of European Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. We are happy to have observed a gradual rise of the impact factor over the years to 1.997 in 2007. From 2009, the Journal will not only be listed in the Social Science Index (category Developmental Psychology) but also in the Science Citation Index (category Psychiatry). This is a recognition of the status of the Journal in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry and developmental psychopathology. Another welcome development is that we face an increase of the number of submitted papers over the years as well as, even more relevant, improved quality of the submitted work. To accommodate this, the content of the Journal will expand to 12 issues per year in 2009.

From now on, the Journal will also have a new section of "Letters to the Editor". These are short communications of 800 words maximum, either or not in reaction to work published in the Journal. For more details, see the instructions for manuscript submission.

To further facilitate the development of the Journal and provide service to authors and co-authors of promising papers, four junior editors have been appointed and joined the editorial team. These are Dr. Pieter Hoekstra (the Netherlands), Dr. Guilherme Polanczyk (Brasil), Dr. Veit Roessner (Germany) and Dr. Benno Graf von Schimmelman (Germany). They will assist the editors in providing in-depth and detailed feedback on interesting papers. All of this with just one aim in mind, to further lift the quality and status of the Journal.

Professors Eric Taylor and Anita Thapar regrettably have announced to quit their job of editor. We are grateful for their many contributions to the Journal over the past years.

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