

Dear Readers, Authors, and Reviewers of *Advances in Cognitive Psychology*,

For *Advances in Cognitive Psychology*, the year 2011 was overshadowed by the sad passing of former editor-in-chief of ACP, Piotr Jaśkowski. Nonetheless, thanks to the hard work of Piotr, our Authors, and Editors, the year 2011 has been a successful one for ACP, including the transition to ScholarOne early in 2012, and two excellent special issues, published in 2011 and 2012. We, the new editorial team, want to express our full-hearted gratitude to you, the Authors, Editors, and Readers of ACP. We look forward to working and communicating with you in 2012.

This year had a very tragic beginning. On January 6th, 2011, our friend and colleague, Prof. dr hab. Piotr Jaśkowski, the founding editor of our Journal, passed away. For several weeks after the funeral in Bydgoszcz many of us were in a state of shock and it was unclear what should be done about the Journal. It was obvious that Piotr would have wanted the Journal to be published in the future, but how could this be organized? Simone Dalla Bella talked about this with some of us, and then, after some examinations and negotiations the associate editors of the Journal's board were consulted. It had been proposed, and swiftly accepted by us, that we (Ulrich Ansorge and Rob van der Lubbe) should become respectively the new editor- and co-editor-in chief.

Gradually it became clear that Piotr initiated several changes of ACP that were not known to all of us. First, a special issue was planned based on the conference/workshop held at the Hanse-Wissenschafts-Kolleg, Delmenhorst (Germany) in May 2010, and organized by Markus Kiefer and Michael Niedeggen, with a topical focus on conscious and unconscious perception. Secondly, during the stay of Elger Abrahamse at the University of Finance and Management in Warsaw (Poland) in 2008, the idea was born to create another special issue on a related topic of unconscious or implicit serial learning. Thirdly, to increase the quality of the Journal, the possibility of using the more prestigious ScholarOne manager for tracking and handling the submissions of our manuscripts was considered.

We are happy to report that all of these plans of Piotr are near to be finalized. The first part of the special issue *Neuro-Cognitive Mechanisms of Conscious and Unconscious Visual Perception* edited by Markus Kiefer, Michael Niedeggen, and John-Dylan Haynes just came out, and the second part will be published early in 2012. The quality and the number of articles in this special issue is impressive and we, as editors of ACP, are thankful for the trust that our colleagues put in the Journal by publishing with us. Regarding the other special issue,

Elger was able to contact several active researchers of implicit serial learning and sparked their enthusiasm about a possible contribution to this special issue. In total, 11 original research papers have now been accepted for the special issue on implicit serial learning, and we look forward to publishing them on our ACP website in the very near future. Concerning the intended change of the editorial system, we are as well very close to a transition from our old Editorial Manager system to ScholarOne: The transition is planned to take effect as of January 2012.

Apart from Piotr's crucial role for ACP, it is clear that his role was and will remain important for the development of cognitive psychology and psychophysiology in Poland. This was underlined by the impressive overview of his work presented by Małgorzata Gut and Simone Dalla Bella (in *Acta Neurobiologiae Experimentalis*, 2011, 71, ix-xiv). When working at the Department of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Finance and Management in Warsaw, Piotr continued to cooperate intensively with Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, and the University of Warsaw. He built and was strongly involved with the setup of research labs in Bydgoszcz, Warsaw, and Poznań. Furthermore, he had the special gift of inspiring people to carry out excellent and inventive research, which likely will result in several papers coming out in the near future bearing his name. It is obvious that his passing away leaves a huge gap.

In the meantime, we started to put more effort in the promotion of our Journal, as we believe that ACP has a lot to offer. ACP has been promoted recently, for example, at the conference on Psychonomics in

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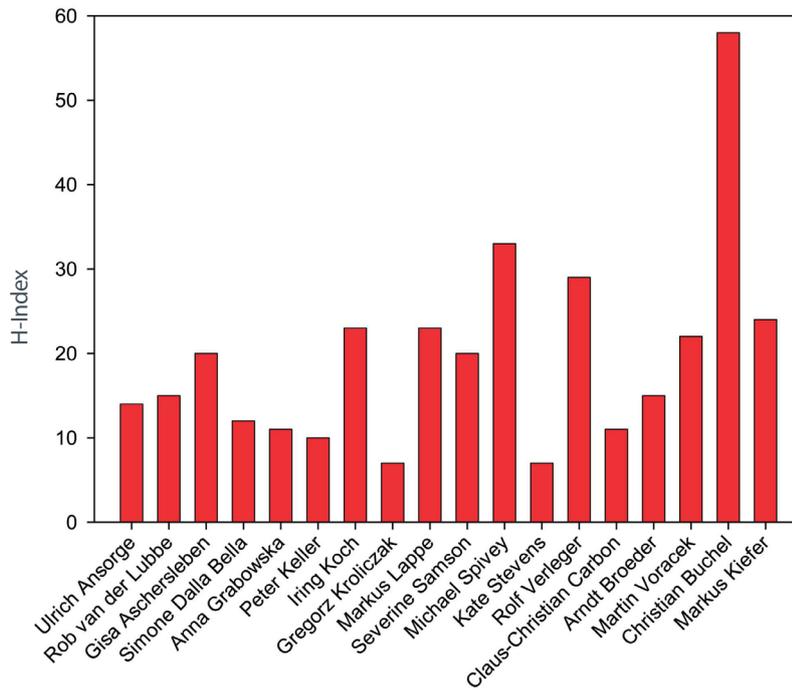


FIGURE 1.

The H (Hirsch) index of the majority of the members of our editorial board, which is defined as the number of scientific papers by that author or coauthor being cited at least H times. This number was determined by using Scopus on the 30th of November 2011.

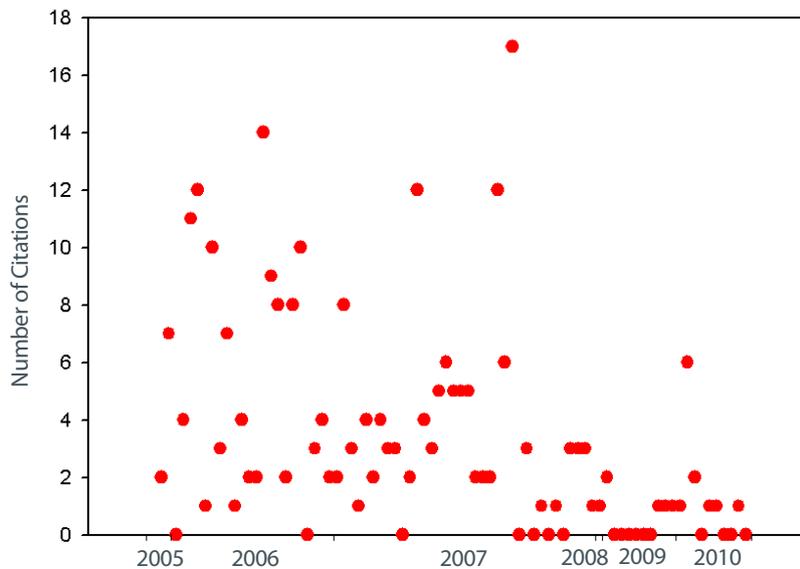


FIGURE 2.

The number of citations of papers in *Advances in Cognitive Psychology* as reported by Versita. This number was established on the 20th of December 2011.

Egmond, the Netherlands (NVP, December 2011). Concerning ACP's attractiveness: Apart from the fact that it is an open access, free-of-cost publishing, and independent peer-reviewed journal, the international board of this journal is of the highest quality (see Figure 1). Concerning its impact, we still do not have a number for it, but established the number of citations of the papers published in our journal by ourselves (Figure 2). As not all of ACP's published articles could be found with Medline or Scopus, we had to use GoogleScholar and checked the number of citations indicated by Versita (<http://versita.metapress.com>). If we compute a 5-year Impact Factor on the basis of these data, based on the average number of citations in 2006, this would amount to an index of 5.3. Of course we will continue to work hard to hopefully successfully apply for an Impact Factor from Thomson/Reuters at the earliest possible date, in 2013.

A journal is only as good as the effort made by its Reviewers. Therefore, we are very grateful to all of them for their excellent work over the previous years. At this point, we hereby personally wanted to full-heartedly thank you, the Reviewers of ACP, as acknowledged by your names at the end of this letter for your labor in the service of the Journal.

For the future, to provide Reviewers with an additional benefit, we will offer them the possibility to write an opinion on a paper that they have reviewed, which can then be published as a letter to the editor alongside with an article that it concerns. In closing, we wish you, the Readers, Reviewers, and Authors of ACP all the best and we look forward to your new contributions to our Journal in 2012.

Sincerely yours,

Rob van der Lubbe
Ulrich Ansorge

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