

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

We are nearing the end of the year 2013, and herewith we want to express our gratitude to all your contributions to *Advances in Cognitive Psychology* (ACP) in this year. We also would like to take the opportunity to look back at the past year and sketch some relevant recent developments and future prospects for our journal.

In this year, two new associate editors were added to our editorial board. First, Michał Kuniecki from the Jagiellonian University of Kraków joined our board. His special research interests lie in affective processing that he studies with psychophysiological measures, like heart rate and electroencephalogram (EEG). Secondly, Małgorzata Fajkowska from the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw joined our board. She has a special interest in individual differences and also uses EEG. We are very happy that they agreed to serve as action editors for our journal, and look forward to a fruitful cooperation. Michał Kuniecki was already involved with editorial duties for a special issue devoted to the *Neuronus* conferences (Kraków, 2012-2013) that came out as the last issue in this year. We are pleased to inform you that we were able to again organize a special issue, now devoted to two *Neuronus* conferences that were held in Kraków. This special issue consists of five articles plus an introductory paper that informs readers about several interesting events that took place during these conferences. We intend to publish new issues regarding future meetings of this interesting conference. Furthermore, we would be happy to receive new proposals regarding special issues, and of course, you should contact us for any help in setting this up. Last year we also proposed to devote one issue to replication studies. We would like to remind you that this is still an option: If you have carried out a replication of an often-cited but yet not replicated study and possibly know of other labs doing the same, we might indeed devote a special issue to this.

Altogether, we saw a slight decrease in the number of submissions this year. Of those submissions, 38% were rejected, 21% accepted, and the rest is being revised or under review. This year we also received the first commentary letters by Thomas Heinen and Till Schneider, and we hope that these contributions will stimulate further discussions on ongoing research, so we would like to encourage you to take advantage of this new option. Additionally, we were able to encourage two authors

to submit a manuscript on two highly interesting topics: advances in psychopatholinguistics by Stefan Heim, and a paper on "... the flexible nature of cognitive maps" by Claus-Christian Carbon. Amongst other very interesting articles, we would like to draw your attention to the paper by Riekkki and colleagues from Helsinki, who focused on conceptions about the mind-body problem related to various factors such as afterlife beliefs and religiosity.

With regard to the prospects of Open Access journals like ACP, we seem to be present at the right time, just before some major changes will take place with regard to publication policies in the European Union. Scientists are strongly advised to publish their results in freely accessible journals, and this might even become obligatory starting from 2016. This statement accords with the policy of the European Union in the framework of Horizon 2020. Of course, these changes seem highly beneficial for Open Access journals like ACP, which already has an up to date high quality editorial board, while at the same time we can rely on many accomplished reviewers in the field to evaluate papers submitted to our journal (see also the end of this letter). A major advantage of our journal as compared to giants like *PLOS ONE* is that we still have the possibility of free publication, which implies that a successful publication with us does not depend on the ability of the authors to cover the costs for the publication of their contribution, which remains a disadvantage of most other Open Access journals.

The coming year will be a very important year for ACP, as Thomson Reuters will restart their evaluation procedure for our journal, which likely will imply that we receive an impact factor in the near future.

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Interestingly, recently, an expert from Elsevier informed us that our impact factor would be between 1 and 2 based on papers published in 2011 and 2012, which seems to be very promising. Apart from this stimulating message, it seems relevant to know that our publications are now being indexed by Scopus. Currently, we are preparing to set up a new website of ACP that should be available soon. Furthermore, we are grateful to the University of Finance and Management in Warsaw who will continue to support our journal, until the evaluation of Thomson Reuters comes available. We currently explore sustained financing possibilities for the future. As our journal was never intended to be converted into business, we will be dependent on sponsors, like currently the University of Finance and Management in Warsaw. We are thinking about different ways in which this might be realized in the future. One idea is to look for support by non-governmental organizations (NGOs),

another idea is to contact a group of universities that might want to support our efforts, thereby also reducing their own publication costs, but we are also considering the possibility to look for free donations. Of course, we will make this as transparent as possible by publishing a financial report in a yearly letter on received donations and spent costs. At the moment it is unclear what will be the outcome, but we would very much like to hear your opinion on these different financing models.

In closing, we want to thank you all for your contributions in 2013, and here we especially want to thank the Reviewers of our journal (listed below) by name, as without your valuable work this journal would not be possible.

Sincerely yours,

Rob van der Lubbe
Ulrich Ansorge

The Reviewers of *Advances in Cognitive Psychology* in 2013

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