

Editorial

Our Editor Emeritus

On April 1st, 2003, at its meeting in Geneva, the Board of Directors (BOD) of the International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) voted to create the post of Editor Emeritus of *International Psychogeriatrics*. A few minutes later the BOD voted to appoint former Editor-in-Chief Robin Eastwood to the post.

The criteria for appointment approved by the BOD were:

1. Appointment to the post of Editor Emeritus will be at the discretion of the BOD of IPA on nomination by the Editor-in-Chief of *International Psychogeriatrics*.
2. In order to be appointed Editor Emeritus, an individual will have acted as Editor-in-Chief of *International Psychogeriatrics* for no less than 6 years.
3. An individual appointed as Editor Emeritus will have made an outstanding contribution to the development of *International Psychogeriatrics* during his or her term as Editor-in-Chief.
4. An Editor Emeritus of *International Psychogeriatrics* will undertake to provide advice on request to the current Editor-in-Chief of the journal on any and all matters pertaining to *International Psychogeriatrics*.

Robin Eastwood served as Editor-in-Chief of this journal from the first issue of 1996 to the first issue of 2003 inclusive. As well as overseeing a major redesign of the journal, he restructured

the editorial board into a panel of associate editors, vastly expanded the panel of reviewers, and raised the profile and quality of IPA's flagship journal to unprecedented heights. As his Book Review Editor and latterly Deputy Editor, I was in a good position to see how utterly committed Robin Eastwood was to the development of the journal, especially as a proselytizing influence for the burgeoning specialty of psychogeriatrics. His appointment as Editor Emeritus may be considered as a vote of confidence and thanks from IPA for a job more than well done. As Editor-in-Chief I have already called on Robin for his expert advice and counsel and feel certain that I will do so often in future. And before some wag makes a querulous observation on the date of the decision, I will point out that it was reached well after noon Geneva time!

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