This is to let you know that a new scientific journal, the

**European Journal of Ageing (EJA)
Social, Behavioural and Health Perspectives**

has been founded with Springer Verlag, Heidelberg (Germany) as its publisher. As founding editors-in-chief, both of us are very excited about this new journal in the field of ageing with a focus on Europe, and we are aiming for it to become an excellent journal from the beginning. We strongly feel, and were encouraged in this by many colleagues at various occasions, that the right time for a new European ageing journal has come. Thanks to the enthusiastic and constructive response of Springer to our ideas in terms of content and state-of-the-art technical support, we have gained a strong basis to start the EJA.

The EJA will particularly address social, behavioural and health-related areas of ageing research with a preference for papers simultaneously touching upon at least two of these three areas. Thus, the EJA clearly strives for multidisciplinary contributions, however within reasonable limitation in scope of disciplines. Considering the fact that in the European journal landscape, excellent ageing and substantially age-related journals already exist in domains such as biology, geriatrics, geropsychiatry, neuroscience, occupational therapy, or rehabilitation, we have decided to not include these fields into the new EJA.

The ambition of the EJA is to channel high-level European ageing research but also ageing research from around the world into a first-rate periodical with initially four issues a year. The zero-issue will be published already at the end of 2004. Guidelines for submission are currently under development. The publication language of the EJA will be English.

We are looking forward to work with you in making the EJA a flagship journal in its field as soon as possible.

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