

EDITORIAL

PROFESSOR DR EGBERT H HUIZING

AN APPRECIATION

END OF AN ERA!

Although *Rhinology* was founded in 1963 by Professor Van Dishoeck, it is his successor 'Bert' Huizing who must take the major credit for its success. He had worked with Professor Van Dishoeck in Leiden as Chef de Clinique and then Associate Professor and was therefore associated with the Journal from its inception and observed at first hand its close association with the European Rhinologic Society and the International Rhinologic Society. In 1972 Bert was invited by the Executive Committee of IRS to take over the task of Editor which he has pursued with indefatigable enthusiasm and energy ever since. This has been in addition to enormous clinical, academic and administrative obligations, first as Professor and Chairman of the Erasmus University of Rotterdam (1976-1980) and thereafter as Professor and Chairman in Utrecht (1980-1998). *Rhinology* has flourished under his leadership and although its style and content have evolved over the years, it has never lost sight of its objective as an international non-profit making journal, publishing original articles on all aspects of rhinology covering both basic science and clinical research. As a consequence of this stewardship, *Rhinology* remains one of the cheapest journals in the field of ORL with a circulation of over 2,300 worldwide.

However, it should not be thought that Bert has devoted all his spare time to the journal and has found time to publish over 220 scientific and clinical articles, has supervised 29 PhD theses, has contributed to conferences and courses throughout the world and even found time to write a number of books including *Functional Reconstructive Nasal Surgery* published last year with J A M de Groot. These many contributions including his work with the Dutch National Health Council culminated in his knighthood in 1997 as Officer in Order of Orange-Nassau of the Kingdom of The Netherlands.

It is hard to imagine that Bert has had time for anything else but he has also actively pursued his other passions, of gardening and music and regularly plays his cello in a string quartet.

At the ERS Meeting in Istanbul in June this year he handed over the reins of office as Chief Editor to me. It is going to be a hard act to follow!

Valerie J Lund

