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Editorial

Personality and individual differences: 40th anniversary special issue



It was 40 years ago in 1980 that Professor Hans Eysenck founded and published the first issue of *Personality and Individual Differences* (PAID). Together with Dr. Sybil Eysenck and a dedicated core group who were also instrumental in forming the *International Society for the Study of Individual Differences* (ISSID) in 1983, PAID was then established as the official journal of ISSID. Now published by Elsevier, PAID is recognized as a major journal for scientific research on individual differences and personality and has maintained this reputation under the editorship of Professors Hans Eysenck, Gisli Gudjonsson, and Tony Vernon. I am now honored to serve as editor of PAID.

In discussions with Gail Rodney, our Elsevier publishing editor, we agreed that a special issue celebrating the 40th anniversary of PAID be published in 2020. Guest editors for this issue are three of our Senior Associate Editors, Dr. Paul Barrett, Dr. Julie Aitken Schermer, and Dr. Todd Shackelford along with me. Given her distinguished contribution to PAID for three decades, I am especially pleased that Dr. Sybil Eysenck agreed to serve as Honorary Guest Editor.

The invited articles included in this special issue were contributed by established and distinguished researchers who have all had various associations with PAID over the years. Past and present PAID associate editors and editorial board members, current ISSID executive and board members as well as recent ISSID conference keynote and invited speakers were invited to submit papers. While many more could have been invited, these contributors showcase significant scientific advances in the study of individual differences from around the globe. We thank all the contributors for joining in this celebration of PAID and making this commemorative issue on the “structure and development of

personality and the causation of individual differences” truly special.

To introduce this 40th anniversary special issue, we are prefacing the extensive collection of articles with:

- an ‘Introduction’ by Dr. Sybil B.G. Eysenck, Honorary Guest Editor of this special issue
- the original introductory editorial written by Professor Hans Eysenck in 1980
- the article titles and authors of the first four issues of PAID published in 1980
- the announcement of the founding of ISSID in 1983
- the program of the first ISSID conference, together with a group photograph, 1983

We thank the many hundreds of researchers who have contributed important articles to PAID over these 40 years that have advanced the scientific study of individual differences. Special thanks to the many reviewers and especially the Associate Editors and Editorial Board members who have served to make PAID a leading journal. PAID continues to be the ‘official journal’ of ISSID and this collaboration between the journal and society have served both very well. Finally, we express our appreciation to Elsevier for their expert publication of PAID.

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