
Acknowledgement from Robert J. Vallerand, Associate Editor from 1984 to 1993

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In the autumn of 1984, Professor Adrien Pinard, then associate editor (and as such responsible for French language content) of the *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science*, fell suddenly ill and asked me to stand in for a few months. I gladly agreed, without knowing, however, that the endeavour would last more than nine years. Indeed, from 1984 to 1993, I have had the pleasure to serve the scientific community in psychology, particularly by assuming editorial responsibilities for the French language edition of the *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science*. Now that the adventure has ended, I wish to thank certain people. First, I want to sincerely thank the authors with whom I have had the pleasure of working during this time. In all, close to two hundred manuscripts were submitted to my attention. In this evaluation task, I have strived to maintain as rigorously as possible the criteria for excellence put forth by the Canadian Psychology Association, all the while trying to help authors fully bring out the quality of their manuscripts. The sense of professionalism that characterizes the authors deserves mention. Several manuscripts had to be reworked two or three times in order to highlight their true value. I trust the authors appreciated the soundness of the comments made by the reviewers and the quality of the final version of their manuscripts. I have also had the pleasure of seeing the quality of the manuscripts submitted to us increase significantly over the years. We can undoubtedly say that the research published in French in Canada is better than ever.

Secondly, I want to address special thanks to the editors with whom I have had the opportunity to work during those nine years, i.e. Robert C. Gardner, Ken Craig and Prem S. Fry. These editors have put in a tremendous amount of time in the Journal and they deserve my utmost admiration. I have been fortunate to enjoy their full cooperation and thank them all. Also, I want to address warm thanks to those who served as reviewers during my mandate. I have to say that, in most cases, the work that was done was exemplary and that without the work of the reviewers, the whole process could not have been performed as fairly and as equitably. Of course, through the years, hundreds of reviewers have worked in order for the *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science* to maintain high quality standards and it is impossible for me to name them all. But you, esteemed collaborators, know

who you are and it is you that I thank for having accepted to work with me and having made the Journal the publication it has now become.

Finally, I wish to thank Ms. Gabrielle A. Tremblay who has assisted me in my work since 1986. It is certainly because of her unrelenting dedication that the tasks at hand could be accomplished efficiently within reasonable time frames.

Many of you know that the editor's job is a hard one, especially in French Canada where the number of authors and reviewers is somewhat limited. Before I embarked in this adventure, certain people told me to be cautious since editors often loose friends and make new enemies. I may be naive, but I think that I not only succeeded in maintaining friendships but also to make new ones with editors, authors and French Canadian researchers that worked as reviewers. The interpersonal side of the job was very rewarding and I thank you for it.

All in all, I was sincerely pleased with working for the Journal and contributing to the advancement of scientific knowledge in French. I invite all authors and reviewers to give Richard Clément, the new editor in chief, the same degree of cooperation they gave me over the years. Again, I thank you for the attention you gave me during those years and I encourage you to consider the *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science* as a privileged forum where to submit your manuscripts in French.