

A Vote of Thanks

Sixteen years ago this month our Editor, Russell Gardner, Jr., produced the first issue of the ASCAP newsletter, and since then he has produced 158 more issues, first as the monthly ASCAP Newsletter, more recently as the quarterly ASCAP Bulletin. His object was to provide a hedonic forum for discussion of matters relating to evolutionary psychiatry, giving members an opportunity to get quick publication and comment from other readers. Latterly the newsletter has also provided a forum for members of the WPA Psychotherapy Section, reflecting the fact that evolutionary psychiatry represents an important basic science for psychotherapy.

I think there is no doubt at all that he has been conspicuously successful in achieving his objective. He has produced a readable and thought-provoking periodical, and letters from readers have attested to its success. He deserves our thanks for all the labour he has put in, a labour of love no doubt, but a labour all the same, and a labour which has delayed his own publications, in particular his forthcoming *Biology of Leadership* of which I have read several chapters and which I strongly recommend – in this book he compares and contrasts the behaviour of leaders and hypomanic patients with interesting conclusions about the evolution of leadership qualities – and I hope that we will soon see it in print.

To compensate to some extent for the loss of the ASCAP Bulletin, we are adding a discussion forum to the ASCAP website. I and my computer literate son Julian have been asked to manage the website and facilitate the discussion forum, which we hope to have up and running very shortly. Please keep an eye on www.theascapsociety.net for the grand opening, and in the meantime if any readers have ideas about how to manage it please share them with me at johnscottprice@hotmail.com