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## Foreword

If the high rate of proliferation of new scientific journals can largely be blamed on the progressive splintering of older disciplines into ever smaller narrower technical specialties, each establishing its own house organ, the "Italian Journal of Anatomy and Embryology" has the opposite mission to promote the confluence and integration of related, but formerly isolated, lines.

The "Italian Journal of Anatomy and Embryology" will be open to papers on morphological research of any kind whatever. In the "Italian Journal of Anatomy and Embryology" will appear the following: 1. Original works from all sections of anatomy, histology, cytology, and embryology, and related subjects, the results of which have not already published elsewhere. 2. Reviews of selected subjects. 3. Reports of meetings of anatomical societies in different countries. 4. News of personal and topical interest.

Editorial policy will encourage diversity of subject matter, treatment and expression. Each contribution should be regarded as a connecting link to be utilized by other workers, so that the whole framework of facts and concepts may become ever more firmly cross-linked and stabilized.

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