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Editor's Note

This issue of *Animal Behavior and Cognition* evolved from a symposium on animal play organized by Patrick Bateson for the 2013 joint meeting of the International Ethological Conference and the Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour that met in Newcastle, UK. Participants of that symposium were invited to submit manuscripts for consideration for publication in this issue, as were other investigators interested in play. The result has been a collection of papers that yield a wealth of information on play in a variety of species. My thanks to Pat for organizing the symposium that got this ball rolling, and to all the contributors and reviewers for their outstanding efforts to complete their manuscripts and reviews in a timely fashion. I am most pleased with the end result, and trust that everyone will find something to enjoy in this issue on play.