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### Professor Steve Wise: so long and thanks for all the fish...

After a quarter of a century on the Advisory Editorial Board of *Trends in Neurosciences*, Professor Steve Wise is stepping down. Steve joined *TINS* in 1983, recruited by the editor at the time, David Bousfield. The recruitment was not uncontroversial at the time—Steve was younger than was usual for an editorial board recruit and was known for his outspoken views, but David recognized his keen intellect and open mind. Back in 1986, *TINS* was the only review journal of its type, setting the precedent for short, topical reviews covering emerging 'trends' in the field. David Bousfield recognized that Steve's particular approach to neuroscience was ideal for such an aim. His intelligence, his desire for researchers to be judged on merit and his refusal to be constrained by dogma have been invaluable to *TINS*. These are qualities that I have particularly valued, and the continued presence of *TINS* as one of the top review journals in the field owes a great deal to Steve's significant contributions over the past 25 years.

**Cover:** The advent of new technologies has enabled the study of glial function at a level that was previously impossible and has revealed this diverse group of cells to contribute to almost all aspects of brain function. Indeed, it could be considered difficult to fully discuss neuronal development, synaptic transmission and other areas of the field without also considering the contribution of glia. The path of progress from their initial proposition by Rudolf Virchow 150 years ago to the present day is discussed on pages 653–659 by Helmut Kettenmann and Alexei Verkhratsky.