Changes and new features for our readers and authors

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Changes in the Editorial Board and Editors.

We welcome the following distinguished neurologists to the *Neurology* Editorial Board effective January 1, 2006: Gregory Cascino, MD, Rochester, MN; Murray Grossman, MD, Philadelphia, PA; Michael Hill, MD, Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Steven R. Levine, MD, New York, NY; Hanns Lochmüller, MD, Munich, Germany; Ruth Nass, MD, New York, NY; and Samuel Wiebe, MD, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

We thank our retiring Editorial Board members who have devoted enormous time and energy to *Neurology* and have helped to make the *Journal* the premier source of information in clinical neuroscience. Retiring Editorial Board members include Harry Chugani, MD; Thomas Feasby, MD; J. Timothy Greenamyre, MD, PhD; S. Claiborne Johnston, MD, PhD; Marc Patterson, MD; and William Powers, MD.

Editorial operations. The number of manuscripts we receive continues to increase every year. *Neurology* received 2,520 papers from January to August 2005. In 2004, we received 2,373 in that same time period. We are on a pace of receiving over 4,100 manuscripts this year. International submissions continue to constitute 65–70% of submissions. Web access of www.neurology.org has also increased; compared to September 2004, access to abstracts has risen 42%, access to full-text html has risen 29%, and access to article PDFs has risen 34%.

International editions. We currently have Italian, Polish, Japanese, and Spanish editions of the *Journal*. Chinese and Turkish editions are also being established under Piu Chan (Chinese) and Zarife Sahenk (Turkish). Hungarian and Portuguese editions are under development. We now publish the international versions (PDFs) of articles on the Web site as a link within the main article. The Polish edition under Co-Editors Anna Czlonkowska and Zbigniew Wszolek has established a local Polish editorial board; they have incorporated editorials and commentaries underlining differences between the United States and Poland in neurologic practice.

Conference reports. The first Conference Report Supplement “Inclusion-body myositis: Clinical and pathologic aspects and basic research potentially relevant to treatment” was posted in December 2005, and will be published with the next (January 24)

issue of *Neurology*. This supplement is supported in part by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Additional conference reports are in process. We welcome further submissions. Contact the *Neurology* Editorial Office (neuro_journal@urmc.rochester.edu) for guidelines.

Reflections: Neurology and the Humanities.

Our Humanities section under Michael Brooke receives submissions that are peer-reviewed but with different instructions to reviewers. Dr. Brooke notes, “This is a section designed to encourage neurologists to express themselves creatively, in prose or poetry, fiction or non-fiction. As such, these submissions are not reviewed in the same manner as scientific papers. One of the first steps that should be taken by a reviewer is to read the entire piece and then decide whether she/he likes it or not. Each person’s tastes are so individual that there is likely to be disagreement between reviewers. The second step is to outline the reasons for liking/disliking the piece; it might be the style of writing, the subject matter, how successful the author is in creating an atmosphere, whether it strikes an answering emotion in the reader. Lastly, and probably least important, . . . make suggestions for improvement . . . corrections of obvious syntactical errors, indicating contradictions in the story or highlighting sections that are obscure to the reviewer.” We welcome volunteer reviewers for “Reflections.”

Online activation. Most print readers have activated their online subscriptions. To do so, access www.neurology.org and select the “login instructions” link provided on the Help screen. This will lead you to a step-by-step activation process. The online journal includes full text (PDF and html formats) of articles from 1999 forward (previous volumes will soon be available), links to PubMed, and extensive search capabilities. Online *Neurology* includes many features not available in the print version, including Expedited E-pub articles, rapidly posted Correspondence, CME, Patient Page, Resident and Fellow Page, videos, and supplemental data.

Scientific Integrity Advisor and Ombudsman reports. Our Scientific Integrity Advisor, Robert Daroff, and our Ombudsman, Jack Whisnant, have indicated that there has been little activity to report

and few complaints and concerns in either area. The Editors believe this reflects well on *Neurology* authors, reviewers, and the Editorial Office.

Disclosures. The World Association of Medical Editors (WAME) has indicated that Editors should disclose their conflicts of interests every year. We initiated this in January 2005 and will continue to provide this information in every January Editorial Message.

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Associate Editors. Steven Schwid has received research funding from the NIH, the National MS Society, Acorda, Genentech, Merck, Serono, and Teva. He has served on the speakers bureaus of Biogen, Serono, and Teva and has received consultant

fees from Biogen, Novartis, Pfizer, Serono, Teva, and UCB Pharma.

Robert A. Gross has received research funding from the Department of Army and conducted clinical trials funded by GlaxoSmithKline, UCBPharma, and Pfizer. He has served on the speakers bureaus for Abbott and GlaxoSmithKline and has received consultant fees from GlaxoSmithKline.

Jonathan Mink receives grant funding from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke and from the Batten Disease Support and Research Association. He serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Tourette Syndrome Association and on the Medical Advisory Board of the Batten Disease Support and Research Association.

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