

Message from the Editor

With this first issue of Volume 22, four members of our editorial staff have completed their terms. Dr. Terry Picton of Toronto leaves his position as Associate Editor. Since 1988, he has provided invaluable assistance to the Editor as an editor of papers on electrophysiological and related topics. Dr. Donald Calne, Vancouver; Dr. George Ebers, London, Ontario; and Dr. Richard Stein, Edmonton leave the Editorial Board after years of service. On behalf of the four societies of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences, I thank them for their valued work. Dr. John Wherrett is taking a position as Associate Editor. A medical graduate of Queen's University, Dr. Wherrett took neurological training at the University of Toronto and then obtained a Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of London. He is a senior physician at The Toronto Hospital and a Professor of Neurology at the University of Toronto, where he served as Head of the Division of Neurology and also as Chief of Neurology at the Toronto General Hospital until 1989. I welcome Drs. John Noseworthy, C. Warren Olanow and Alan Smith, as new members of the Editorial Board. Dr. Noseworthy is Professor of Neurology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester where he is also Head of the Division of Neuroimmunology. A medical graduate of Dalhousie University, Dr. Noseworthy took his neurology residency at the University of Western Ontario, followed by fellowship training in pathology at Harvard Medical School. His expertise is in multiple sclerosis. Dr. Olanow is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. He was graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto and took his Neurology residency at the University of Toronto and at the Neurological Institute, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. Dr. Olanow brings further expertise in movement disorders to the Board. Dr. Smith is Professor of Physiology at the University of Montreal. He was graduated with a Ph.D. in physiological psychology from McGill University. He then was a postdoctoral fellow in Marseille, France and Zurich, Switzerland. Dr. Smith is an authority on motor control. The members of the Board gratefully acknowledge the many ad hoc reviewers who have assisted us as expert referees of manuscripts. The contributions of these individuals to the peer review process has been essential in sustaining the high standard of articles published in this journal. A list of the names of reviewers in 1994 is printed on the following page.

I also thank the members of the Publications Committee, Drs. Francis Booth, Donald Burnet, Gary Ferguson, and William Pryse-Phillips who are responsible for communicating policy between the Journal and the four societies of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences. Dr. Ferguson continues to serve ably as the Chair of the Committee.

This year we are changing to structured abstracts to articles in order to provide more focussed information to the scientific literature. In keeping with their new organization the length of abstracts has been increased to a maximum of 250 words. The new cover design introduced for volume 21 (1994), which lists articles and authors, continues to meet with approval. Submission of the final version of reviewed and accepted articles in digital format is now a required policy of our publications office.

The 1994 Ciba-Geigy Award for the best original article published in the previous year was given to Andrew Eisen, Bhanu Plant and Heather Stewart for their paper, *Cortical Excitability in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: A Clue to Pathogenesis* (Can J Neurol Sci 1993; 20: 11-16).

In 1994 three special supplements were published on the topics *Neurocritical Care*, *Antiepileptic Drug Selection and Adverse Effects*, and an *Update on Diabetic Neuropathy*. For the second year the program and abstracts of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences, were published as a supplement to the May issue, replacing a separate abstract booklet at the meeting; we had previously published the abstracts at the end of a regular issue. Supplements organized by experts in a topic are welcomed companions to our regular issues. Unlike the practice of many journals, articles in supplements to the *Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences* undergo peer review by two or more referees. Since they are seldom original in content, the review process is less rigorous than for original articles. Review articles are also welcomed, usually by invitation from the Editor; authors wishing to submit review articles should write to me in advance. Review articles are also subject to peer assessment. As stated in the information for authors page, published with each issue, the Journal's principal mission is to publish original articles in neurology, neurosurgery and related neurosciences.

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