

Message from the editor

This issue of *Epileptic Disorders* marks the beginning of the 6th year of publication of the journal. During our first five years, the journal has steadily grown, and has received a unanimous welcome from epileptologists, neurologists and neuropaediatricians. It now ranks highly among specialized publications, especially, but not exclusively, in clinical epileptology, as reflected by its rising impact factor. The flow of high quality papers has steadily increased, and the CD that accompanies every issue has become an invaluable tool for disseminating both video sequences and excellent quality neuroimaging.

This success is largely due to the hard work of the Boards and of the *ad hoc* reviewers, and I wish to thank them for their dedication and support. I also wish to thank our publisher, Mr. Gilles Cahn, for his constant efforts, all members of the John Libbey Eurotext team for their help and understanding, and Brigitte Tricot for her talented contribution to the Editorial Office of the journal.

Although I will remain fully active within the editorial team, after five years as Editor-in-Chief, I think it is time for me to pass the baton to a younger Editor-in-Chief who can continue to develop and improve the quality and diffusion of *Epileptic Disorders*.

At the last meeting of the Boards in Boston, Alexis Arzimanoglou accepted to take over this task. Alexis Arzimanoglou is one of the founding members of the journal, and has been my closest collaborator, as Associate Editor, over the past five years. He is fully aware of the aims and the spirit of *Epileptic Disorders* and, in addition, over the past years he has gained a thorough knowledge of the management of the journal. I am sure he will maintain the tradition of *Epileptic Disorders*, and bring to the journal renewed energy and enthusiasm, which will ensure its continuing success. □

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