

Time for a change

Dear *Epileptic Disorders* readers,

Two years ago, at the occasion of our 10th anniversary, we announced the intention of the journal to reinforce its contribution in the field of meticulous clinical observation, analysis of clinical signs and symptoms and their EEG correlates. As a result we increased the publication of case reports illustrating a comprehensive approach of diagnostic and therapeutic strategies. The DVD that accompanies each issue of *Epileptic Disorders* proved to be a strong tool for the diffusion not only of video-EEG data but also of neuroimaging data, both structural and functional, neuropathology data and even surgical techniques. We also announced our intention to remain within the frame fixed by the Founding Editor, Jean Aicardi, and serve valuable research and new clinical data in adult and pediatric epileptology to find their way to the neurological community.

To reinforce the educational mission of the journal, we recently developed further the existing collaboration between John Libbey Eurotext and Springer. Such a policy will increase accessibility of *Epileptic Disorders* for libraries and Institutions. We also maintained our policy of a reduced individual subscription for members of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) chapters from all over the world. Such a subscription will from now on only be possible via the ILAE website (<http://www.ilae-epilepsy.org/Visitors/Publications/Subscriptions.cfm>).

Furthermore, following a number of discussions and meetings, we constituted a new editorial board that reflects the two main orientations of the journal:

- *anatomy-electro-clinical correlations*, particularly for the diagnosis and eventually surgical treatment of non-idiopathic focal epilepsies;

- *general adult and pediatric epileptology*, to further delineate and define epilepsy syndromes, the best diagnostic tools to identify them and the optimal ways for treating them, integrating social and societal issues directly related to the epilepsy handicap.

The number of Associate Editors increased. Their mission, for the 3 years to come, will be to implement the new policy of the journal and develop new ideas for both original and didactic publications. To further develop the new policy of the journal the publisher has agreed to finance

and develop a dedicated, secured, website where all case reports, video-material, neuroimaging and neuropathology data will be stored (www.epilepticdisorders.com). A “key words” research system is under development that will allow the reader a rapid access to all videos and supplemental data, related to a given topic. We are confident that the website will be fully functional by the coming European Epilepsy Congress to be held in Rhodes, Greece.

Andreas Alexopoulos (Cleveland), Selim Benbadis (Miami), Laura Tassi (Milano – Ospedale Niguarda group), Philippe Kahane (Grenoble/Lyon, IDEE group), Felix Rosenow (Marburg) and Margitta Seeck (Geneva) have kindly accepted to act as Associate Editors, and play more active roles in the management of video-EEG data for the website. Pierre Thomas will continue his valuable contribution to the success of the DVD content as a whole and Ingmar Blümcke (Erlangen) will further develop the neuroimaging and neuropathology sections on the website and on the DVD. Frank Besag (Bedford) and Franck Gilliam (New York) will cover the fields of “general” pediatric and adult epileptology. All other members of the new Board also agreed to give up some of their valuable time to the success of *Epileptic Disorders*.

Such a new policy inevitably involves the replacement of a number of members of the previous Editorial and Advisory Boards, in order to keep the size of the Board within reasonable limits. We would like to thank all those eminent epileptologists who have served the Board over the past years and who participated in bringing the journal to its present position. We are confident that they will continue to support the journal with thoughtful suggestions, high quality reviews of submitted manuscripts and original contributions for publication.

We wish to thank the Editorial Office Secretariat, the Desk Editor and all the highly professional staff of the John Libbey Eurotext editions who faithfully continue to serve this bold enterprise.

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