

Message From the Editor

With this first issue of Volume 21, two members of our editorial staff have completed their terms. Dr. Richard Leblanc of Montreal and Dr. Charles Tator of Toronto leave the Editorial Board after years of valuable service as advisors and reviewers of neurosurgical papers. On behalf of the four societies of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences, I thank them for their work. I welcome Drs. Jean-Guy Villemure and James Rutka as new members of the Editorial Board. They have been valued ad hoc reviewers. Dr. Rutka is Assistant Professor of neurosurgery at the University of Toronto and attending surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children. He was graduated in Medicine from Queens University, took his neurosurgical training in Toronto, and obtained a Ph.D. at the University of California, San Francisco for his work on the biology of gliomas. Dr. Rutka brings expertise in experimental oncology to our Board. Dr. Villemure is an Associate Professor of Neurosurgery at McGill University and attending surgeon at the Montreal Neurological Hospital. He is a Medical Graduate of Laval University. Dr. Villemure adds authoritative knowledge of both epilepsy surgery and neurosurgical oncology to the Board. The members of the Board gratefully acknowledge the many ad hoc reviewers who have assisted us as expert referees of manuscripts. Their contribution 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 1993 follows.

1994 brings a new cover design. While retaining bold red and white Canadian colours, the cover now lists articles and authors for the convenience of readers, and emphasizes the Journal's role as an international medium for publication in neurology, neurosurgery and related neurosciences. A complete table of contents is within each issue. A new, more modern, layout graces the inside pages. The cover and inside layout were designed by the University of Toronto Press and approved by the Editorial Board and Publications Committee. Our practice of publishing abstracts in both English and French constrains the maximum length of abstracts to 150 words, in order to print a sufficient portion of articles on their title pages. A revised list of instructions for authors is contained in this issue. A new copyright agreement with authors must be transacted upon acceptance of articles for publication.

The 1993 Ciba-Geigy Award for the best article published in the previous year was given to R. Loch Macdonald, Bryce K.A. Weir, Tim D. Runzer and Michael G.A. Grace for their paper, *Malondialdehyde, Glutathione Peroxidase, and Superoxide Dismutase in Cerebrospinal Fluid During Cerebral Vasospasm in Monkeys* (Can. J. Neurol. Sci. 1992; 19: 326-332).

In 1993 a special supplement on Experimental and Clinical Aspects of Cerebellar Function was published with the May issue. A new practice of publishing the program and abstracts of the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences, for use at the meeting, was introduced beginning with the May issue. A special supplement (no. 4), our largest ever, contained the abstracts of the World Congress of Neurology, held in Vancouver, in September. For Volume 21, supplements are planned on Neurocritical Care, Update on Diabetic Neuropathy, and Antiepileptic Drug Selection and Adverse Effects: Current Issues, Future Options. A series of articles on Historical Neurology and Neurosurgery, begun by Dr. J. Max Findlay of Edmonton, will continue. As we enter the midpoint of the Decade of the Brain, this journal is poised to increase its role in communicating important information in the neurological sciences.

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