

Editorial

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On behalf of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, *JINS*, and our publisher, Cambridge University Press, I am proud to welcome readers to this inaugural issue of the new official journal representing the International Neuropsychological Society (INS). We believe that the launching of *JINS* marks an important new development for neuropsychology generally, as well as an evolutionary point for the INS in particular.

Neuropsychology is a vigorous and expanding field of clinical and scientific endeavor. This trend has been reflected by the continued growth and diversification not only of the INS, but of other scholarly and clinical societies and groups interested in neuropsychology. Consistent with this, the number of articles, books, and other written works devoted to neuropsychology has grown each year.

JINS intends to be a leading voice in the field. Reflecting the interests and membership of INS, we shall welcome author-initiated work in all areas of neuropsychology – ranging from child and developmental issues, and cognitive-neuroscientific studies to clinical research and case observations. To assure maximum flexibility in academic interchange we provide authors and readers with multiple formats of communication, including *Regular Articles*, briefer *Rapid Communications*, *Case Reports* embodying up-to-date literature reviews, and cogent *Letters to the Editor*. To highlight emerging fields of interest, or to illuminate points of controversy, the Editorial Board will stimulate colleagues to produce periodic *Critical Reviews* and coordinate *Symposia* sections consisting of thematically linked research papers. We also introduce a *Dialogues* section that allows experts maximum freedom to debate viewpoints. As a service to our readers we shall also periodically publish *Book Reviews* and *Announcements*.

Not every issue will contain everything, of course. We are pleased that this first issue features an excellent taste of what is to come. Beyond this outstanding content, we are proud that contributors to the inaugural issue include a healthy mix of well established senior investigators and their teams, as well as works by recently graduated and younger members of our neuropsychological community.



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We shall always strive to publish the highest quality material; but we believe that it is also important that we provide encouragement to our field's young people.

For the INS, the inauguration of its new official journal defines another landmark in our Society's development as a fully mature community of neuropsychologist scholars and professionals. As such, it is proper that at this point in our Society's evolution we should have an official journal which we own, and for which we take full responsibility. In this light, the Editor-in-Chief of *JINS* is appointed by the INS Governing Board, and the publisher of the journal is selected by the INS. All this is as it should be.

With "ownership," the Society, and its individual members, have also taken upon themselves some additional responsibilities. Important among these is the responsibility of each member to support the journal by submitting his/her best work to our official publication; and in a similar vein to encourage nonmember colleagues working in neuropsychology to do the same. Each of us also needs to recommend *JINS* in our institutions, especially our libraries. We wish the journal to be both an intellectual and economic success. Institutional subscriptions are a crucial component to this success; the editors and publisher both hope that each member will do his/her part to help *JINS*

gain the broadest possible acceptance in university and professional libraries.

We wish also to welcome readers who are not INS members, but who have an interest in neuropsychology. We look forward to receiving your scholarly contributions, and hope also that some of you will be willing to serve as expert referees.

The final charge that we offer to all our readers is that you communicate with the Editor-in-Chief and Associate Editors about your ideas concerning the Journal. We need both your constructive criticisms and creative ideas for placing this Journal at the forefront of scholarship and innovation.

Good luck to us all, and congratulations to the INS on this bold new venture.

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