

Message From the Editor

In this, the fourth year of the Decade of the Brain, the Journal enjoys its twentieth year of publication. As the official journal of the four societies that comprise the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences, this journal uniquely serves scientific communication in neurology and neurosurgery and related clinical and basic neurosciences. The Editorial Board is committed to promoting the Journal's international role. In 1990 10% of original articles published were submitted from outside Canada; in 1991 the proportion was 29%, and in 1992 it was 34%. Since scientific information should have no national borders, it is evident that this periodical is not to be a "journal of Canadian neurological sciences"; rather, it should be Canada's medium for the communication of new information from the international community of neurologists, neurosurgeons, and other neurological scientists. The Board is exploring several possible means of increasing its world-wide roles. These include international membership on the Editorial Board and promotion of submissions from abroad. The removal of "Canadian" from the journal name has also been advocated for consideration in order to eliminate parochial barriers to international, or indeed Canadian, submissions, while of course preserving the Journal's proud Canadian roots and identity. A new cover and printing layout for manuscripts are being planned.

Novel developments in the past year have been the receipt of manuscripts in digital format on computer diskettes and an annual accolade for the best original article in each volume, the Ciba-Geigy Award. Recipients of the first award were A.H. Rajput, B. Rozdilsky and Alex Rajput for their article, Accuracy of Clinical Diagnosis in Parkinsonism — A Prospective Study (*Can J Neurol Sci* 1991; 18: 275-278). Volume 20 will include a section on *Historical Neurology and Neurosurgery*, and a section on *Hypothesis*, appearing in the present issue. In future issues, articles dealing with hypotheses will be welcomed from authoritative contributors to a field.

In 1992 Yves Lamarre completed five years of service as an Associate Editor, having been a member of the Editorial Board for six prior years. Dr. Lamarre was responsible for editing many of the basic science articles. The Board is indebted to his dedicated work. Peter Ashby and Garth Bray have also finished their membership on the Board, and I thank them for their service.

With this first issue of 1993, I welcome five new members to the Editorial Board, Peter Dyck, Julian Hoff, William Pryse-

Phillips, Ali Rajput and Garnette Sutherland. Peter J. Dyck brings outstanding expertise in peripheral nerve disease to the service of our readers. A medical graduate of the University of Toronto, trained in neurology at the University of Saskatchewan and the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Dyck is Professor of Neurology at the Mayo Medical School, Rochester, and President of the American Neurological Association. Julian T. Hoff is Professor and Head of the Section of Neurosurgery at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He was graduated in medicine from Cornell University, New York, and trained in neurosurgery at the New York Hospital and in neurosurgical research at the Universities of Glasgow and California at San Francisco. Dr. Hoff is President-elect of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. His eclectic interests encompass brain edema, ischemia, trauma, acoustic tumors and spinal cord compression. William Pryse-Phillips is a graduate of Guy's Hospital Medical School, University of London, and a neurological trainee of the Royal Free, Kingston General and Montreal General Hospitals. He is Professor of Neurology at Memorial University and has broad clinical expertise that includes stroke, headache, peripheral nerve, and dementia. Ali H. Rajput is Professor and Head of the Division of Neurology at the University of Saskatchewan and the Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon. He is a medical graduate of the University of Sind, Pakistan, and trained in neurology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Professor Rajput has made exemplary contributions to the natural history and epidemiology of basal ganglia diseases and brings further wisdom in movement disorders to our Board. Garnette R. Sutherland is an alumnus of the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine where he is now Associate Professor of Surgery in the Section of Neurosurgery. He undertook his neurosurgical residency at the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Sutherland has been a prolific author and an effective reviewer for this journal; his prowess in cerebral ischemia and metabolism is a valued addition to the Board.

The merit of this journal is founded on the work of its authors, and those reviewers who diligently referee their papers. I express my appreciation to the editorial consultants who reviewed manuscripts submitted in 1992. Their names are listed on page 2.

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