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# Message from the Editor

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It is with pleasure that I introduce the first 2001 (new millennium) issue of the Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences. In this issue and over the past several issues readers may have noticed some changes in our journal. These have included the Neuroimaging Highlight, more commentaries and an increased number of review articles. There has been a somewhat reduced emphasis on case reports but we continue to accept important cases from which the readership might glean important new information. I remain indebted to the detailed and thoughtful reviews carried out by our referees. These have allowed us to maintain the high quality of the journal established by our previous editors. I am also pleased to report that manuscript submissions are up (and rejection rate is up as well). Readers will notice that we have been encouraging authors to submit pieces that will spark new interest and perhaps controversy. Our recent issue, addressing hemicraniectomy for acute stroke, was the first, I hope, of several "debates" within CJNS. The Neuroimaging Highlight has been well received by those I have heard from. Please note that our Neuroimaging Highlight editors, Drs. Mark Hudon and William Hu are also pleased to review submissions from any authors. While these are not viewed as research papers in the traditional sense, they are an important educational part of the journal and our criteria in selecting them would be largely centered around their educational value and the quality of the images.

In this issue of CJNS we introduce two new pieces. Firstly, we are initiating a section "Progress in Clinical Neurosciences". These are designed to be review papers (and are included within the review paper section) of wide interest to readers and I encourage authors, who work in areas that may be of similar broad interest, to consider submitting a paper for this section.

While I have specifically invited some contributions, I would be interested in looking at submissions from any potential authors to CJNS.

The second important new feature of this issue is our first Neuropathological Conference. Several months ago I contacted the program directors of all neurology, neurosurgery, child neurology and child neurosurgery programs in Canada, inviting them to consider submitting a Neuropathological Conference to CJNS. The expected format is that of a case description, followed by a discussion of differential diagnosis and neuroimaging with a tentative clinical diagnosis followed by a final pathological diagnosis. Dr. David Ramsay is kindly serving as our Neuropathological Conference Editor and we appreciate his detailed efforts in helping develop this new initiative. We have envisioned that the conference would be an educational exercise for senior residents and that, ideally, the text from the conference (with editing of course) would arise from an actual presentation at their own institution. In this issue we are pleased to present our first Neuropathological Conference authored by Drs. Charest, Couillard and Lamarche. I hope many departments will consider submitting future cases. It will be a way to highlight the quality of work at your institution.

While submissions are up, I believe that a considerably greater proportion of the high quality Neurosciences work carried out in Canada could come our way. We would like to see CJNS appear bi-monthly or more often but this really depends on the amount and quality of the work we receive. I encourage all readers to send us your best work.

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