Editorial

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The current issue of JINS begins the second year of publication of our Society's journal. On behalf of the JINS Editorial Board and our publisher, I am pleased to report to our readers that this first complete year of publication has witnessed the successful translation of JINS from an idea to a reality. While it is up to our readers to decide how successful we have been, there are several indicators that we are off to an excellent start.

First, I am pleased to report that the journal has received a large volume and great diversity of scholarly material. In terms of number of manuscripts, we have received 158 at the time of this writing, of which 41 were published in Volume 1 and another 16 have been accepted for publication in Volume 2. A broad range of content areas is represented by the submissions, including studies on disorders of children, the various dementing disorders, neuromedical disorders, as well as studies on basic cognitive mechanisms. We have been especially pleased that certain newly developing areas of clinical science, such as bilingual testing, will be represented by at least four manuscripts that are accepted for publication.

We are also pleased that the first year of publication of JINS has realized our hope of introducing multiple formats of scholarly communication. Thus, in addition to the 27 regular research articles that were published in 1995, we published two Critical Reviews, two Rapid Communications, three Case Reports, a Dialogue feature, and a highly regarded Symposium, consisting of six thematically linked research articles on dissociable processing mechanisms in amnesia. Additionally, we were pleased to begin our Book Reviews feature with two excellent critiques, and have also published an interesting Letter to the Editor reminding us that the psychometric approach existed in parallel to Luria's method in Soviet neuropsychology.

We were also pleased with the geographic sources of the manuscripts. Although the majority came from North America, it was heartening that 30 of the contributions originated in Europe, three from Asia, two from Australia and New Zealand, and one from South America. In the coming year, we encourage our colleagues working outside of North America to increase their rate of submission to JINS even further.

The Editors and the publisher were also pleased that Scientific Programs and Abstracts in connection with the 1995 INS meetings in Seattle and Cairns, were received by most members in a timely fashion; we are proud also, that we were able to meet our pledge quickly, to publish abstracts from the 1994 meetings in Cincinnati and Angers, and to assure that they would be archived properly.

In 1996, issue Number 1 (January 1996) of Volume 2 consists of the current Scientific Program for the Chicago meeting. Issue Number 2 (March 1996) will contain seven Regular Articles, a Case Study, a Critical Review, a Rapid Communication, and Book Reviews. Issue Number 3 (May 1996) will contain the Scientific Program and Abstracts for the Veldhoven meeting, as well as additional regular research articles, case studies, and book reviews. Issue Number 4 (July 1996) will be a regular issue containing scientific articles and selections from the other departmental categories, whilst issue Number 5 (September 1996) will feature our second Symposium on "Varieties of Unilateral Neglect" as well as regular articles. Issue Number 6 (November 1996), in addition to regular features will have our second Dialogues feature on "Does the Concept of a Central Executive have any Neuropsychological Value?"

In closing this report to our readers, I would like to express my personal gratitude to the Associate Editors and Department Editors who have provided me with their scholarly and practical advice, thereby assuring the success of JINS in its first year. I would like to thank also, the members of the Editorial Board, as well as a number of external reviewers for their extensive contributions. And I appreciate also, the high quality of professional support provided by the JINS Editorial Assistant, Diana Snyder, and by our publisher, Cambridge University Press.

May I close by thanking all of our readers, and in particular, those of you who have submitted your articles to JINS, thereby assuring the successful beginning of our journal. I hope I can continue to count on you to submit your best work to us!

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