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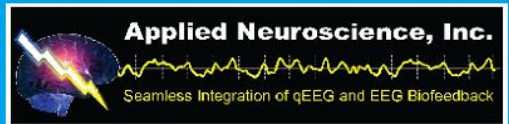
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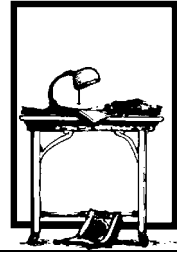
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WELCOME!

We welcome The Haworth Press to our organization and celebrate this, our inaugural issue with Haworth. The Haworth Press, Inc. is a noted publisher of journals for scientific and technical societies and is also noted in other areas of publishing. This brings to an end an era of “homemade” publishing that characterized the first three volumes of the *Journal of Neurotherapy*. It initiates a new era of professional publishing for our journal, and a wider exposure for the journal as well as its sponsor, the Society for Neuronal Regulation. Through the networking efforts of The Haworth Press, Inc. we expect a broader readership for our scientific work and a broader base of membership and relationships for our society.

At this juncture, I personally want to thank you, the reader, for your forbearance these past years. Our publication efforts often fell short of our own expectations for quality. A great deal of work goes into the publication of our journal, and much of that is contributed entirely by uncompensated volunteers. I want to thank Darlene Nelson, our Managing Editor, who is the only salaried member of our editorial board. Darlene labors long and hard over the production of each issue, and coordinates the peer-review process for the papers submitted. For the last several years, she has taken the journal from rough copy stage,

through layout, to printing, to mailing by hand each step of the way. Many problems arose in the past because local printers and technical writers did not have the expertise to print a scientific journal.

I want to thank Dr. Dene Simpson, who joined our effort a year ago as Quality Editor. Dene approached me at the 1998 SNR Conference in Austin, when I first announced I had agreed to take the editorship, and said, "I come from a publishing family and grew up proofing. You really need a proofreader. I would love to proof read for this journal." He has done so since. I want to thank Haworth Press for taking us on and believing in our potential. Life will be much different for all of us involved in production of the journal with the great leap forward we will experience in professional quality publication.

I want to thank Associate Editors Joel Lubar, Robert Thatcher, and Peter Rosenfeld, who do many things, including a lion's share of reviews. They are the main resources for policy issues that affect the journal. Over the last year the four of us have had lively discussions about our review process and the standards we require for publication. Out of this has come an extensive revision in instructions to authors, and our review process. The most important change in the instructions to authors (included in each issue of the journal) is the requirement for certain types of technical information in submitted papers. Other changes reflect the style and requirements of our new publisher. In the review process, reviewers will be blind to each other, and authors will be blind to reviewers. However, reviewers will know the identity and institutional affiliation of authors. When an editor is an author or co-author, they are completely removed from the review process, and any decision-making about publication.

I hope you have noted some of the new features and formatting in the last issue of the journal, which are continued in this and future issues. Beginning with this issue, another new feature, "Clinical Corner" is added, edited by Associate Editor Cory Hammond. Dr. Hammond has experience in writing and publishing. Jay Gunkelman will continue to contribute his energy and broad fund of knowledge as associate editor for "Technical Notes." David Kaiser, who thoroughly keeps tabs on the literature, joins us as associate editor for "News from Other Journals and Websites."

We continue to struggle with several issues. The first of these is turn-around time for reviews, and we will continue to streamline and shorten this process. The second is adequate interesting and timely

material. We continue to solicit quality original research papers for review, and although this situation improves, we always need more submissions. Personally, I am attending meetings (AAPB, Future Health, ECNS, SNR) encouraging more writing and submissions. As Dr. Frank Duffy, neurologist and QEEG pioneer notes, if the wide spectrum of efficacy associated with EEG Biofeedback Therapy (EBT) were associated with a drug, it would be readily accepted. (See “News from Other Journals and Websites” in this issue.) But it is not accepted in the halls of medicine, more on the basis of persistent biased opinion than on familiarity with its foundation in the literature. Admittedly, our literature is not mainstreamed, but is more so now than in the past. I am of the opinion that we must continue to create that literature.

We also solicit book reviews, reviews or commentaries about articles in other journals, and review or topical papers of interest. Neurotherapists, please send us your book reviews, and reviews of articles you find challenging or interesting. If you are writing review or concept papers, we will appreciate considering them for publication. Collect data regarding efficacy from your practices and write it up. Take the risk of submitting your writing to peer review (a powerful learning process). Seek funding for designed experimental research. We will all be the richer for it. Encourage others to submit to the *Journal of Neurotherapy*. The principle objective of this journal is to significantly contribute to the published foundation of neurotherapy. This task requires collaborative effort.

CASH AWARD FOR STUDENT PAPER PUBLISHED IN JOURNAL OF NEUROTHERAPY

A special unrestricted cash award of \$1000 will be given to the first place student who submits a research paper to the journal for publication in the year 2001. The paper must be written according to the instructions to authors, which can be found in each issue of the journal and at the web page at snr-jnt.org. The papers must not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. Submissions must be deemed to be publishable by editorial and peer review, and must be revised as directed by the journal peer review process. The principle author of the submitted paper must be a full-time student during the writing of the paper and at the time of submission. Papers submitted by former students will not be eligible for the competition. Student status during

the preparation of the paper and at the time of submission must be verified by a cover letter from the student's advisor. Students from baccalaureate level through postdoctoral programs (including residencies and internships) are eligible. Papers that have been submitted and/or presented for competition at SNR annual meetings are eligible, and the award will not conflict with other awards offered by SNR. Papers must be received no later than August 1, 2001. The editorial board of the journal, consisting of the editor and associate editors, will determine the first place award.

Haworth Press makes this award possible by a cash contribution to the journal and SNR, to be used as SNR wishes. To encourage publication of important work by student researchers, the SNR board and the editorial board of the journal have directed that this money be used to encourage student publication.

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