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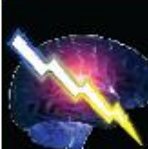
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EDITORIAL



Financial Support for Scholarship from the *Journal of Neurotherapy* and the International Society for Neuronal Regulation

The future of neurotherapy depends in large part on the continued demonstration of the valid science on which clinical neurotherapy is based. This journal is proud to be part of the effort to publish reports of objective peer-reviewed evidence in clinical neurotherapy and qEEG, and is dedicated to serving the neurotherapy community, particularly the International Society for Neuronal Regulation (ISNR), in this effort. This journal is one of the main places where neurotherapy science is reported and read.

As such, the journal has encouraged scientific reporting of neurotherapy research and continuing neurotherapy research. This issue contains abstracts of papers presented at ISNR's 2003 scientific meeting, many of which will be developed into full reports, submitted for publication and peer review, and some of these will be accepted papers and published in this and other journals.

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To that end, this journal has had a policy of offering cash awards to student authors. At the 2003 ISNR meeting in Houston the winners of this year's published student papers were announced. A total of \$2,000 in cash awards was made to authors of papers published in this journal, in which the research was done as a student. A \$1,000 first prize, supported by Haworth Press, a \$750 second prize and a \$250 third prize, both supported by the Michigan Institute for Neurobiofeedback, were awarded.

To be eligible for competition the papers must be accepted for publication in the *Journal of Neurotherapy* (following peer review and appropriate revisions). The principal author of the paper must document that she or he was a full time student at the time the research was done. Following acceptance for publication in the *Journal of Neurotherapy*, a panel of three judges ranked student papers submitted in this time frame. The three top ranked papers received the eligible prizes.

The first place prize of \$1,000 made possible by The Haworth Press was awarded to Tobias Egner for "The Temporal Dynamics of Electroencephalographic Responses to Alpha/Theta Neurofeedback Training in Healthy Subjects" published in Volume 8, Number 1. Tobias was affiliated with the Department of Cognitive Neuroscience and Behaviour, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College, London, UK, during the time the research was done and the manuscript written. His co-author was John Gruzelier.

The second place prize of \$750 made possible by the Michigan Institute of Neurobiofeedback was awarded to Stamatina Stathopoulou for "EEG Changes of Traumatic Brain Injury Patients After Cognitive Rehabilitation" published in Volume 8, Number 2. During the time the research was done and the manuscript written, Stamatina was affiliated with the Department of Psychology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. Her co-author was Joel Lubar.

The third place prize of \$250 made possible by the Michigan Institute of Neurobiofeedback was awarded to Tamara D. Lorensen for "Quantitative EEG Normative Databases: A Comparative Investigation" published in Volume 7, Numbers 3 and 4. Tamara is affiliated with the School of Health, Faculty of Psychology and Counseling, Queensland University of Technology, Queensland, Australia. Her co-author was Paul Dickson.

Demonstrating their strong commitment to scholarship, student research, and authorship, the Michigan Institute for Neurobiofeedback and The Haworth Press, Inc. will make these awards available again for student-authored papers published in Volume 9 of the *Journal of Neurotherapy*.

A new award for non-student authors has just been offered. The Haworth Press, Inc. Publisher Bill Cohen has just announced an additional award of \$1,000 for the best published professional paper appearing in the *Journal of Neurotherapy*, Volume 9. The purpose of both awards is to encourage students, clinicians and academicians to write quality research papers and to submit these papers to the *Journal of Neurotherapy*.

To further support research in the field of neurotherapy, the Board of Directors of ISNR has directed that a research committee be appointed and that funds be raised to support research in neurotherapy. The committee, consisting of Vince Monastra, PhD, Jim Evans, PhD, D. Corydon Hammond, PhD, Tim Tinius, PhD and David Trudeau, MD, has developed guidelines and a research submittal form for applicants and will oversee the award process on an ongoing basis. Over \$25,000 was raised to support research in neurotherapy through an auction-fundraiser at the 2003 ISNR Houston meeting. The enthusiastic response of clinicians, academicians and equipment and software vendors made this response possible, and with the prospect of continued generous support, the research committee has announced the following request for proposals.

The Research Committee of the International Society for Neuronal Regulation (ISNR) invites proposals for funded research in neurotherapy of up to \$20,000 per year renewable for up to five years. Special consideration will be given to proposals that involve large n multi-center studies for randomized controlled trials of a neurotherapy technique for remediation of MTBI, ADHD, PSUD or other conditions for which neurotherapy has been applied. The proposal may include the means for establishing a neurotherapy practice research network in order to complete its objectives. Fundable elements of the proposal may include monetary incentives for practitioners and client participants and salary for the principal investigator, who will be project coordinator. Continued funding year-to-year will be contingent on project performance and the success of ISNR in continuing fundraising. If the successful applicant is not a member of ISNR, the applicant will agree to accept complementary membership for the duration of the grant.

The complete Submittal Form for Research Proposals and Guidelines for Research proposals can be found at the web site <<http://www.isnr.org>> or by contacting David L. Trudeau, MD, research committee chair at <trude003@tc.umn.edu>.

It is hoped that these awards and efforts will encourage research, scholarship and authorship in neurotherapy, and encourage an already growing literature in neurotherapy and its related topics.

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