

A new perspective for *Epileptic Disorders*

Since its launch in late 1999 under the direction of Jean Aicardi, founding Editor-in-Chief, *Epileptic Disorders* has served the medical and scientific community in an expanding discipline of epileptology in which new diagnostic techniques and approaches to management are continually being developed. A significant amount of new information in all areas of epileptology has accumulated at a brisk pace, leading to a steady increase in the number of articles submitted to the journal. As intended from the outset, the descriptive detailed clinical symptomatology and phenomenology of epileptic seizures and syndromes, in relation to diagnosis and management, published in *Epileptic Disorders* has served to complement other journals in the field.

Epileptic Disorders continues to provide audiovisual material accompanying published articles. Videos are a powerful tool to convey the presentation of clinical events which by their nature (intermittent, brief, paroxysmal events and abnormal movements) are sometimes difficult to describe in words. Moreover, video sequences co-registered with EEG have now become a fundamental diagnostic tool in our discipline. The inclusion of video material has also proven to be instructive for interpretation of information from neuroimaging, pre-surgical evaluation and neuropathology. The dissemination of video sequences is particularly important for communities, such as those in developing countries, which have a restricted access to educational material. Epilepsy care in such communities is limited by a lack of resources and in today's age of accessible multimedia, it is highly appropriate to make such resources available through images and web-based communication.

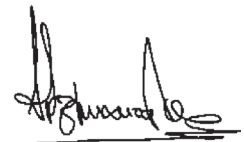
Thanks to the constant efforts of the *John Libbey Eurotext editions* team and of the Editorial Office members our journal is now more widely available. Furthermore, its website (<http://www.epilepticdisorders.com>) has undergone considerable improvement with emphasis on educational resources and easy access to a library of video data. A number of topic-oriented

workshops were also organized at the initiative of the journal and led to the regular publication of a book series, *Progress in Epileptic Disorders*.

Earlier this year, *Epileptic Disorders* was honoured to be selected as the official educational journal of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE), thus complementing the scope and mission of the ILAE scientific journal, *Epilepsia*. A new educational programme is currently being created which will be incorporated into the journal and significantly add to the educational resources already available on the website. The educational programme is envisaged to provide unique opportunities for medical students, practicing physicians and basic science trainees who wish to improve their understanding of epilepsy and related pathophysiology, diagnostic challenges, and management.

As the journal takes on this new initiative, the Editorial Board will be renewed. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of *Epileptic Disorders*, to thank all members of the Editorial Boards, particularly the Founding and Associate Editors, for contributing their valuable time and professional skills which have ensured the quality of the journal and whose advice and efforts have been invaluable.

Epileptic Disorders will continue to publish peer-reviewed review articles, original articles, and case studies (with or without accompanying video material) fulfilling the educational goals of ILAE. The new educational focus underlines the mission of ILAE and the journal to improve epilepsy knowledge worldwide, with the ultimate goal of better care for people with epilepsy.



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